

The prayer continues.....

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory Hosannah in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosannah in the highest.**

The prayer continues.....

Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues..... **Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one  
bread.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the  
Father.**

*(Please come forward as directed to receive.)*

### ***Final Prayers***

**Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life.  
By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Blessing*** *(Please stand.)*

### ***Final Prayer***

To a searching world, **the love of God.**  
To a troubled world, **the peace of Christ.**  
To a waiting world, **the joy and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **A Service to enable our thinking about Black History Month October 25<sup>th</sup> 2020**

### ***Introduction***

Where there is no justice, there is no peace. Pope Francis

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne O Lord;  
**steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.** *(Psalm 89.14)*  
**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be us all.** *(2 Cor. 11.13)*

*We keep a short silence to still our hearts.*

**Lord God, as we come into your presence,  
still our bodies, open our hearts and focus our minds,  
that we may know your Spirit drawing us closer to you, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Words of confession***

Scripture tells us you must return to your God; maintain love and justice,  
and wait for your God always. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome  
evil with good. *(Hosea 12.6 and Romans 12.21)*

Creator of life and love, You offer all of humanity life in all its fullness. Yet  
we have allowed good relationships to be broken. We have become  
distant from You and, at times, have turned our back on the other.

### **Lord have mercy**

At times we have failed to speak out for justice, to stand for what is good  
and right, leaving the vulnerable without an advocate, the neglected  
without a friend.

### **Christ have mercy**

To all who fall short of our calling to love, You offer pardon and peace.

### **Lord have mercy**

### ***Absolution***

God is just and forgiving. God receives us as we are; He lifts us up and  
calls us again to be people upholding justice and peace. Receive God's  
grace and mercy, knowing that your sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

***Gloria*** *We listen to an African Gloria.*

***The Word*** *1 Corinthians 12 v 1-26*

Psalm 85

**Show us your mercy, O Lord.**

1 Lord, you were gracious to your land; ♦  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**2 You forgave the offence of your people ♦  
and covered all their sins.**

3 You laid aside all your fury ♦  
and turned from your wrathful indignation.

**4 Restore us again, O God our Saviour, ♦  
and let your anger cease from us.**

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? ♦  
Will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?

**6 Will you not give us life again, ♦  
that your people may rejoice in you?**

7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, ♦  
and grant us your salvation.

**8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say, ♦  
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,  
that they turn not again to folly.**

9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, ♦  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**10 Mercy and truth are met together, ♦  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;**

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth ♦  
and righteousness look down from heaven.

**12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good, ♦  
and our land will yield its increase.**

13 Righteousness shall go before him ♦  
and direct his steps in the way.

**Show us your mercy, O Lord.**

*Most holy God,  
when we come to you fearing that truth condemns us,  
show us that truth is one with love in your Word made flesh,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

***Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.***

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (20.26-28) Praise to you O Lord.*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

***Reflection***

***We affirm our faith in God (Please stand.)***

**We believe in God the Father,**

**from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**

**who lives in our heart through faith and fills us with love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession (Please sit or kneel.)***

**God of Love Hear our prayer**

*We end our intercessions with a prayer of Peace. (Please remain kneeling/ seated.)*

**Peace from God who is our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, who is our life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with us. Amen.**

We listen to Peace Ukuthula

Peace! Ukuthula! In this sinful world (Alleluia) Jesus' blood is shed for salvation, in gratitude, for faith, in victory and in consolation...

***Preparation of the table and Eucharistic prayer (Please stand.)***

The Lord be with you

Lift up your hearts

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**