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## The Parish Sunday Eucharist

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**Prayer thoughts:** The mayor of a city was running for a second term of office. One evening, after a busy day chasing votes, and having missed her lunch, she arrived at her campaign barbecue utterly famished. As she moved down the serving line she held out her plate to the man serving and he gave her a portion. She asked 'do you mind if I have another portion?' The man replied: 'Sorry, I'm supposed to give one portion to each person.' The mayor said: 'But I am starved.' The man said again: 'Only one to a customer.' Now, the mayor, who was normally a modest and unassuming woman, decided that this time she would throw a little weight around and asked, 'Do you know who I am? I am the mayor of this city.' And the man answered, 'And do you know who I am? I'm the man-in-charge of the kitchen. Move along.' The mayor and the man-in-charge of the kitchen each tried to exert authority over the other by revealing her or his 'identity' - who each was - and demanding, 'Do you know who I am?' In today's Gospel passage Jesus asked the disciples about his identity: 'Who do you say that I am?' But we can see that Jesus was not trying to exert any personal authority, just simply asking who they thought he was and what that meant to them. This challenges us to ask ourselves who we think Jesus is and what that means to us: Founder of a religion? Revolutionary Jewish reformer? One of the great teachers? Son of God? Saviour? And to ask too have we experienced Jesus in any way and, if so, how? Perhaps he has taught us about forgiveness? Perhaps he has transformed our outlook on life. Perhaps his Gospel has given us peace? Perhaps his presence has given us joy? And do our lives in any way reflect this Gospel message of love, joy and peace?

We can find help to answer this question/these questions by reading Jesus' words; by taking time for reflection; by personal and family prayer; by offering our lives in some way - our time, talent and treasure - to the service of his Gospel and mission; and by our acceptance of forgiveness and reconciliation with God and wo/man. Our next step is to give humble and loving service to others with the hope that God is present in every person. And then the next step is to give thanks to God through all the events of our lives - good and bad - as we come to realize how God's love can shape our lives and this world.

When a refugee first came to this country he was amazed at the incredible variety of instant products available in our stores. On his first shopping trip he saw milk powder; you just add hot water and you get milk. Then he saw orange powder; you just add cold water and you get orange juice. And then he saw baby powder and thought, 'What a wonderful country.' Unfortunately, there is no such thing as 'Christian powder' and disciples of Jesus Christ are not made instantly. They are formed slowly through the trials, sufferings and temptations of life and through all the joyful things too. They are 'saved' by their faithful and lifelong cooperation with the goodness, grace and truth of God, which helps us to discern and do good and avoid evil. In today's Gospel Jesus explains what this means for those who would be his disciples: *'Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me.'*

God bless, Paul

# The Parish Sunday Eucharist

*This 'holy memorial' is known by various names: 1) 'The Eucharist' - which means 'Thanksgiving' - because Jesus offered himself in love; 2) 'the Lord's Supper' - or 'Breaking of the Bread' - because we celebrate it as a shared meal; 3) 'Holy Communion,' because we become one with Christ by receiving him; and 4) 'Holy Mass' - holy sending - because it gives us a mission: to go in peace to serve the Lord.*

*The 'objectives' of the Eucharist: The faith community gathers for the public celebration of the Eucharist in order to worship God; ask his forgiveness for sins; thank him for blessings received; listen to his voice in Scripture; present the needs of the world and our own needs too; offer our lives to him; gain spiritual nourishment and recharge our weakened spiritual batteries by sharing with him in Holy Communion. The simple structure of the Eucharistic celebration is organized to achieve all these goals.*

*If you are not able to come to St John's please do share in the weekly service online. May God bless us as we join together to worship. The present guidelines about cleaning, attendance, distancing, singing & speaking and receiving Holy Communion in churches will be followed carefully.*

## THE GATHERING SONG

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.**

## THE GATHERING

**Priest** In the name of God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All** Amen.

*The priest may introduce the Eucharist.*

## THE GREETING

*The greeting proclaims the presence of the Lord with us.*

*The Penitential Rite, the Gloria and the Opening Prayer follow. The purpose of these preliminary rites is to help the people, gathered for the celebration of the Eucharist, to join with each other as a worshipping community, and to prepare to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist - the Great Thanksgiving.*

**All** The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

## THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*The Invitation to Confession - we call to mind our sins that we may repent of them / turn from them and ask forgiveness of God and each other.*

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love,  
revealed in Word and Sacrament,  
let us call to mind our sins.

*A pause for silent reflection follows.*

**All** I confess to almighty God,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned through my own fault,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do.

*The Absolution*

Priest + Almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**All** Amen.

## THE GLORIA

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.*  
*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.  
*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

## THE COLLECT

Priest Let us pray.

*Together we spend a few moments in silence, realising, and giving thanks, that we are in the presence of God our Father to whom we make our prayers. The prayer 'collects' our thoughts.*

Priest Almighty God,  
who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the Gospel  
that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Liturgy of the Word consists of readings from the scriptures; a sermon/homily, which expounds the readings; the Profession of Faith, which is the Creed of God's people; and the Prayer of the Faithful or General Intercessions in which the people of God intercede for all humankind and all creation.*

*In the Liturgy of the Word God speaks to us of redemption and salvation and nourishes us with his 'word.' We are not only listening to past history. The God who speaks to Israel and to the early Church speaks to us today through the power of the Holy Spirit working within us as we listen to him and as he reveals the pattern for our lives. 'The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double edged sword but more finely...it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts'(The Letter to the Hebrews 4:12).*

### THE FIRST READING - JAMES 2: 14 - 18. - Read by Sarah Theaker

In this practical pastoral letter James reminds all Christians that faith must be demonstrated in works.

Reader A reading from The Letter of James.

If good works do not go with it, faith is quite dead. Take the case, my brothers and sisters, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

*Now we hear the Gospel (the Good News) and acknowledge that we are his people and called to be part of his mission to the world inasmuch as we share his message and his life with faith, hope and love.*

### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord,  
through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

*Galatians 6:14*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### THE GOSPEL READING - ST MARK'S GOSPEL 8: 27 - 35.

Today's Gospel passage recounts how Jesus asked the disciples what people were saying about him and what they themselves believed about him. Peter spoke up for them all when he said they believed Jesus to be the Christ.

That word 'Christ' is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for 'Messiah' which means 'the anointed one.' For the Jews of that time the imagery of the Messiah was laden with expectations of a popular political leader who would free them from Roman occupation. Yet Jesus did not use this term for himself. Instead, as we see in today's passage, he referred to himself as 'the Son of Man,' which is a term rooted in the Jewish Scriptures - e.g. the Book of Daniel - and is probably best understood to mean 'a human being.'

Jesus then went on to tell them how his ministry would actually unfold: he would be rejected, suffer and die, and rise after three days. Peter rejected Jesus' image of the Christ because it was not the image of the triumphant Messiah that he wanted. At this Jesus rebuked Peter sternly and explained that discipleship meant following the humble way of the cross.

It's important for us not to miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in those first disciples. Death by crucifixion would have been familiar to them as a Roman method of execution. Crucifixion was also a real and present danger for the Christian community for which Mark wrote thirty years later - about 64 AD. The message is that the path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share would require radical commitment and sacrifice.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you .**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

*At the end of the Gospel*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

*We are a Eucharistic community - united around word and sacrament. Through the readings God has spoken to his people of his redeeming love and of the nourishment which his Spirit gives. The sermon reflects on our readings and relates them to our Eucharistic celebration and to our ordinary daily life.*

*After the sermon there may be a short period of silent reflection.*

## **THE PROFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH - THE CREED**

*We make the profession of faith in response to the word of God written in the Gospels and spoken in the sermon. We testify that God is our Father who gives us new life through his Son and who calls us together in the power of his Spirit to be a Eucharistic people, a 'thanksgiving people', a living community of his abiding self-giving love.*

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL OR GENERAL INTERCESSION**

*We are invited to pray for all people and for all creation and for the needs of the Church's mission in bringing Christ's Gospel to the world. Through baptism we have been made one with Christ, our great high priest, and we share in his prayer before the Father for the needs of the Church's mission to the world and for of people. Our prayer flows from our listening to the Gospel and sermon by which we have been made more aware of our Christian commitment.*

*This Prayer of the Faithful, or General Intercession, is announced and consists of a series of intercessions; we pray for the universal Church and its mission and for our bishop and for our benefice - our parishes and our two Church schools; for the world, for our Queen and country, for our local communities, families and friends; for the sick and suffering and for all in pain; and we remember those who have died. And in communion with Mary, St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist and all the Saints of God we entrust one another and all people and all creation to God's saving love.*

**Priest: Let us pray to our heavenly Father in the power of the Holy Spirit of God and in union with Jesus Christ.**

*The deacon or minister continues:*

Heavenly Father, we pray to you for the Church's ministry throughout the world; for Justin our Archbishop; for Steven and Olivia our Bishops; for our parishes and two church schools of St Mary's and St John's; that together we may share the Gospel and serve those in need...

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we pray to you for Elizabeth our Queen, for our Government, and for our District and Village Councils. Give to them and all in authority wisdom that they may direct the nations and peoples of this world in the ways of justice and peace that people everywhere may honour one another and seek the common good...

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son shared the life of a family: we pray for our families, friends, and neighbours, and ask you to help us learn how to serve Christ in one another and to love as he loves us...

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we pray to you for all who suffer today in body, mind or spirit...; give them hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation...

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we remember before you all who have died recently ...

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist and all your saints and we commend ourselves and all people and all creation to your unfailing love.

Priest Merciful Father,

**All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

*At the Last Supper Christ 'took some bread and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "This is my body which will be given for you; do this in remembrance of me". He did the same with the cup...' (Luke 22:19-20). The Church, joyfully obedient to the Lord's command, celebrates the Eucharist taking care that our 'liturgy' corresponds to the words and actions of Christ: 1) Taking bread and wine - we take our own gifts to the Altar, such as our time and talents and our money for the poor and for ministry. 2) Giving thanks (the meaning of the word Eucharist) - in the Eucharistic Prayer the priest, in the name of us all, says the great hymn of our thanksgiving to God for the whole work of salvation, in which the offerings become the Body and Blood of Christ. 3) The breaking of the one bread is a sign of the unity of the faithful - a sign of the unity which comes through sharing in Christ. 4) And in Holy Communion we receive Christ. In this way, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, the Church tries to carry out what the Lord asked his disciples to do in remembrance of him.*

### **THE PEACE**

*We acknowledge and give thanks for our unity with one another in Jesus Christ our Lord, which his death and resurrection have brought to us. He is the peace between us. The sign of peace echoes Christ's own resurrection greeting to his disciples. Before we share in the same bread we express our love for one another in Christ and pray for peace and unity (cf Luke 1.78,79).*

Priest Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All And also with you.**

### **THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR**

*The peoples' gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar. The offerings of money is made and promised to support the wider ministry and work of the Church. Taking the Gifts: We give thanks to God for the gifts in the following words.*

Priest **BREAD**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

**WINE**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

### **OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURE/MONEY**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have the gifts of our time, talents and money to offer. May our offerings of our gifts be a sincere sign of our gratitude and our dedication to your service.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*The priest prays quietly: Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble, contrite and thankful hearts.*

*The priest washes hands as an expression of the desire for inward purification, praying quietly: Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.*

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Priest Pray my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Priest Amen.

Lord,

at your table we offer ourselves and our gifts for your service  
and here we receive the bread of life.

May your heavenly gift strengthen us in love  
and give us courage to take up our cross and serve you in each other.

All **Amen.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*The Eucharistic Prayer is the centre and high point of the whole Christian celebration. This great prayer of praise and thanksgiving proclaims the wonderful works of God and through it we join ourselves with Christ in praise and thanksgiving to God the Father and in offering ourselves to him in union with Christ's self-offering on the cross. We express our share in the prayer, which is said by the priest on behalf of all the people, by listening inwardly and joining in the acclamations (joyful shouts or songs) and the Sanctus (the Holy, Holy, Holy which concludes the preface), the memorial acclamation and the great 'Amen' which concludes our Eucharistic Prayer.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*In the Preface we praise God for his mighty acts:*

And now we give you thanks because at the Last Supper, as he sat at table with his apostles,  
he gave us this memorial of his passion to bring us its saving power until the end of time.

In this sacrament you feed your people and strengthen them in holiness, so that they may  
come to walk together in the light of faith and in one communion of love:

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

*We pray to the Father for the sending down of the Holy Spirit and recall the Lord's Supper.*

Priest We thank you, loving Father, because when we turned away you sent to us your Son Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

He gave his life for us upon the cross.

He shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and  
his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

**'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'**

After they had eaten he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples,  
saying:

**'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this to remember me.'**

So, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit upon us and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Mary, the Blessed Mother of our Lord, St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist, and all your saints, we give you glory, through Jesus Christ and in the strength of your Holy Spirit, today and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*The communion rite lays strong emphasis on peace, unity and our prayer for forgiveness. We come together to the Lord's table in accordance with the Lord's command, 'Take, eat... take, drink', as a community bound together by the love of God manifest in Christ. We can all be confident in Christ's mercy as we respond to his call to come to his table. Our communal recitation of the Lord's Prayer - the prayer he taught us - prepares us for Holy Communion with our Lord.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Priest Looking for the coming of his kingdom, as our Saviour taught us, so let us pray:

**All 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.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The priest takes the host and breaks it over the cup, praying quietly: 'May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.' 'Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread' (1 Corinthians 10:17)*

*Christ's gesture of breaking bread with his disciples at the Last Supper gave the Eucharist the name of the 'breaking of bread.'. This gesture signifies that we who share one bread and one cup are made one. The breaking of the Eucharistic bread becomes a sign of unity and charity as the one bread is distributed to the family of God's people.*

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

*The priest prepares quietly for Holy Communion. We may all join quietly in this prayer:*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit your death brought life to the world. By your holy body and blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to your teaching, and never let me be parted from you. Amen.*

## **PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

Priest Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. *cf. John 1: 29*

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The sign of communion is more complete when given under both 'kinds' since then the sign of the eucharistic meal appears more clearly. However, we live in exceptional times when communion can only be given in one 'kind.'*

*The priest takes the host, raises it a little and shows it saying: The Body of Christ. And the same with the cup saying: The Blood of Christ. When receiving Holy Communion the response and assent to Christ is:*

**+ Amen.**

## **THE SONG DURING HOLY COMMUNION**

**God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.**

*After Holy Communion we may keep a further period of silence.*



## **PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

Priest Let us pray

*The priest invites us all to pray that the Holy Eucharist will have its effect in transforming our lives and bring us all to God's kingdom.  
We pray together silently for a while before the Post Communion prayer.*

Priest Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## **THE NOTICES FOR THE COMMUNITY ARE GIVEN.**

### **THE CONCLUDING RITE**

All The Lord be with you.  
and also with you.

### **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
+ And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

All Go in the peace of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

## **OUR 'SENDING OUT FOR MISSION' SONG**

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

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