

# *St Anne's Eastville: Community Communion for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 2024*

## **Coming Together**

*Welcome and Introduction*

*Confession*

Let us turn from meanness of spirit towards the infinite generosity and mercy of the Eternal One.

For the meanness of our hearts: Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the meanness of the church, Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For the meanness of our world, Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

The Eternal One pour upon us the abundance of generosity and forgiveness.

**Amen.**

*Hymn:* 212 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name

*Opening Prayer:*

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:

give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*Those involved in Godly Play now leave.*

## **Responding to God's Word**

*A reading from 1 Corinthians 12:*

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

*Possible questions to ponder:*

- Does the Church as we know it feel like this sort of body?
- Does the Church actually include a whole variety of people, each exercising their own special ministry?
- What is part do I play within the Body of Christ? Am I only doing what I'm required to do, or am I truly fulfilling my vocation?

*Song:* 72 Bind us together, Lord (*chorus and 1<sup>st</sup> verse only*)

## **Christ's Offering and Ours**

*All are invited to offer prayers of intercession, with the response:*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

*The Peace is shared, and bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*All sing the response:*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Eternal One be with you!      **And with your spirit!**  
Lift up your hearts      **We lift them to the Eternal One.**  
Let us give thanks to the Giver of Bread.  
**It is good to give thanks and praise.**

We thank you that your overflowing love is shown in Christ's coming among us, in all that he was, and did, and gave.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

We thank you that your overflowing love is shown in his suffering and death on the cross, and in his rising to new life.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

We thank you that your overflowing love is shown in the breathing of your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

We thank you that, on the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, blessed it and broke it, saying Take, eat, this is my Body. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

We thank you that after supper he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, blessed it and shared it, saying Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

We thank you that he calls us to live as his Body on earth, and to display his overflowing love to all who are cut off from communion with you and with others. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

We thank you that he makes us one with his mother Mary, with St Anne, St Mark, St Thomas, St Paul, and all your saints and angels, in their eternal song of praise. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

With Jesus let us turn in prayer to the our eternal lover:  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.      Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.      Amen.**

*Communion song:*  
**Thima mina, Somandla** (*Send me, Jesus*)

*Silence*  
*All sing:*  
**The Lord is risen, alleluia: sing out and praise the Lord, alleluia!**