

Communion Liturgy

INVITATION

[Theresa gives instruction on how communion will be done.]

Instrumental . . .

Spoken:

In a humble village of Cana,
On a hillside in Galilee,
At a well in Samaria,
On a boat in the Sea of Galilee,
Jesus showed up.

In the midst of a wedding,
Among a hungry crowd,
Next to a lonely unnamed outcast woman,
With his closest companions,
Jesus showed us what abundance looks like.

It looks like gallons and gallons of wine – not the cheap stuff, but the best stuff.
It looks like baskets and baskets of fish and bread – enough for everyone plus leftovers.
It looks like a well full of water – the kind that springs forth life.
It looks like a net bursting with fish – too heavy to be dragged in.

No matter who we are,
we are not alone
we belong here
all belong here

Sung:

When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here

Spoken:

We gather at each other's homes,
We sit on the grass,

We take a break during a long journey,
We hover over the campfire at the beach,
We come to this table before us,
To a meal that Jesus prepared for us.

We bring ourselves here.
And Jesus shows up in abundant love, forgiveness, and grace
To sit with us in our shame, hunger, loneliness, and doubt
Jesus sees us as we are

And what we are is to remember,
we are not alone
we belong here
all belong here

Sung:

When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here

At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One:

Jesus, you ask us, "Do you love me?"

All:

And we answer, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

One:

And you say, "Feed my lambs."
Once again, you ask us, "Do you love me?"

All:

And we answer, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

One:

And you say, "Take care of my sheep."

A third time, you ask us, "Do you love me?"

All:

And we say, "Lord you know everything, you know I love you."

One:

Jesus, you have shown us how to love you by taking care of your people. When you say,

"remember me," we remember your words,

"I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,

I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

All:

Re-newer of life, shaper of our history, healer, reconciler, abundant host, home for all, give us voice that we might continue the story you sent us here to write. As we gather at your table, refresh our minds, bodies and spirits through this simple and intimate meal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One:

On the night of his arrest, Jesus sat with his friends and followers, those who loved him and those who would betray him, those whose hearts have been broken open and those who will pour themselves out for the sake of love.

And in the midst of this messy beautiful intimate meal,

Jesus took the bread and giving thanks to God, [everyone lifts the bread]

Jesus blessed the bread.

Jesus broke the bread [everyone breaks the bread]

and gave it to all who were gathered around the table saying:

All:

Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Sung:

Come and remember who you are here

Do this to remember who I am

Come and remember you belong here

All belong here

One:

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took up the cup, and said,
This cup is my promise, [everyone lifts the cup]
sealed with a covenant,
poured out for the sake of love and mercy, [everyone pours it into the cups]
for the forgiveness of sins.

All:

Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me.

Sung:

Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here

One:

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the liberating death of the risen One, until all of creation is made whole and free.

All:

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

[Everyone eats.]

Then directly go into Crowded Table.