

Prayers and Liturgy from the Eucharist on May 4th at the meeting of the St Deiniol's Group.

Opening Prayer:

**God of all, look upon us in love.
May the worship we offer now
come from the depths of our hearts, in faith,
through the touch of your Holy Spirit,
and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Following the confession:

**O God, we pray, through your love and forgiveness,
Reshape us for the future, by your touch**

God is love and we are called to abide in God's love:
repenting, you are forgiven,
forgiven, you are restored,
restored, you are re-shaped by God's touch.
Amen.

An Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe in God the Holy Trinity,
Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.
The One in Three who has moved across and through
the heights and depths of this world.
In the God who spoke through the prophets,
who divided the waters and called forth
the Holy Spirit upon the Virgin Mary.**

**We believe in God who came to earth in human flesh,
living and feeling as we do.
God who Incarnate, suffered the hatred of the world
and was hung high upon a cross,
Nailed there, because of the sins of humanity, then and throughout the ages
We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**Wisdom, Guide and Inspiration
who has led, and will lead,
all peoples in the way of faith and faithful service,
who opens our hearts to all that is possible,
and shows to us the way of life eternal. Amen.**

At the Eucharist:

Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer at this joyful feast – bread from the
harvest and wine from the vine –
may we grow in him who unites our lives to yours, O God,
for Jesus, Son of God and of Mary, is risen, present with us,
now and for ever. Alleluia!
Amen. Alleluia!

A Lord's Prayer:

**O God, all hallowed is your Name poured out in the world
to bring the light of your love and peace to all creation.
In our physical and spiritual hunger,
nourish and feed us, and quench our thirst
that we may offer to others
the hospitality of your welcome given to us.
Hear our call for forgiveness,
and with your compassion and love in our hearts,
may we forgive those who hurt us.
For you are all self-giving Love
now and for all the ages.
Amen.**

At the breaking of bread:

Listen to the breaking of this bread, broken it can be shared,
sharing it we become a part of Christ's work and ministry:
**In receiving we know that we are as one with each other
and the whole family of God throughout the world.**

Christ is the bread which has come from heaven
Lord, give us this bread for ever.

Re-writing of Post Communion Prayer:

**Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table.
Kindle us with the fire and presence of your Holy Spirit,
deepen our desire to follow the risen Christ,
enable us to feed others with justice and peace in our hearts
to reveal your all-encompassing and generous love;
through Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Blessing:

May God's love be poured upon us, transforming our lives.
May God's generosity fill us, opening up our lives.
May God's calling to us, forever speak into our lives:

And the blessing of

Prayers from the:

**CROSSING THRESHOLDS – UNFOLDING WISDOM
CLOSING WORSHIP**



Holy and Unfolding Wisdom,
**God's warming love and gentle voice,
drawing us towards all that we are called to be.**

Holy and Unfolding Wisdom
**God poured out in the touch of hands,
clothing us with hope and joy.**

Holy and Unfolding Wisdom,
**God's presence illuminating our way,
sending us out to share with others the gifts you have given us**

Replace with

Holy and Unfolding Wisdom,
**God speaking and being within us,
abiding in the centre of our lives.**

Holy and Unfolding Wisdom,
**God's transforming love,
crossing thresholds, seeking justice.**

Holy and Unfolding Wisdom,
**God eternally present,
guiding us today and for ever more.**

Amen.

Crossing Thresholds – unfolding our wisdom and weaving it together

We each take a piece of wool or ribbon.

As we hold it, we give thanks to God for our own wisdom, a wisdom we can share.

We tie our piece of wool or ribbon to that of the person next to us until all are joined together in a 'circle' and as we do so we say 'I share my wisdom with you'.

God of all,

**you call me to share the wisdom you have blessed me with,
you call me to cross over the thresholds and into a new life in you,
a life I share with those gathered here, and all whom I know.**

God of all,
**fill me with wisdom to seek equality,
compassion to seek justice,
love to seek acceptance,
hope to seek peace.
faith to seek you.
Amen.**

Prayers from the:

MAECYMRU – OPENING PRAYER
SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2017

As we gather at the beginning of this day, open our hearts, O God,
**to hear all that is spoken,
challenge our minds
and intellect by all we hear,
set free our tongues to speak out
into the world of today,
and remind us never to forget our freedom to use our voices to the good of all people, and for
those whose voices
have been hidden or silenced.**

Sarah, laughed. [*Genesis 18: 12*]

Esther, to help the Jews said, 'if I perish, I perish'. [*Esther 4: 16*]

The woman with haemorrhage thought, 'if I but touch his clothes'. [*Mark 5: 28*]

Lydia, her heart opening by God offered the hospitality of her home. [*Acts 16: 15*]

Voices are powerful and can be used to uplift, enable and support as well as put down, belittle and condemn. Words, once they have been spoken cannot be unsaid. Words hidden in the silence of

the world, unheard, unwanted, dismissed as being of no worth bring inequality, fear and judgement.

We are the ones called to open up words to express faith, love, hope, words to explore what it is to be a woman, and a man, seeking justice and equality for all in this world. Our words are important.

Our words can make a difference. How can we ensure our words are heard? What can we learn from the voices that have been hidden?

Coming out of the crevices of society
and the so called 'norms'
of behaviour, place, status,
**I raise my voice, I speak of me,
words full of richness and faith,
words seeking justice and peace,
words yearning to be heard above
and beyond what is expected.
My voice, O God, you have given me,
my voice will not be silenced.
Amen.**

Silenced voices, once, emerging now
from the crevices of society,
becoming stronger, seeking
a place of welcome , a hearing.
I speak of me, I, a voice full of
The waves crashing on the seashore,
Heather rolling down the mountain side.
A voice to speak in village and in town.
**A voice to speak of my right to be heard,
To be accepted. For God welcome me,
Calls me, guides me, encourages me to
Take my place in lecture hall
and boardroom,
In home and school, in church.
There is no-where
I cannot be and cannot go.
Amen.**

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