

# *Exploring Communion*



St Aidan's Uniting Church  
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## Call to Worship

Let us gather in fellowship  
as generations before us have done;  
let us be a community of Christ,  
and part of that community  
from every country of the world.

We gather to praise God,  
for this is the day the Lord has made:  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Let us worship God.

## Prayers

Loving God,  
you call us into fellowship,  
a relationship with each other  
and not just with you.

When we focus in on ourselves  
and forget the needs of those around us:  
**forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

When we look at the people around us  
and want to exclude those who are not like us:  
**forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

When our actions inadvertently dismiss people  
simply because we are thoughtless:  
**forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

When we turn having enough into a competition  
and fail to see the harm it causes:

**forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

When we fail to see others  
as human beings loved by you:

**forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

Repentance is more than just words –  
it is a commitment to try to set things right.

When we repent,  
God is faithful and helps us start again;  
know that you are forgiven:

**Thanks be to God.**

### Prayer of Intercession

Loving God,  
the needs of our world are many  
and you know them all,  
as we raise the needs in prayer,  
we are also aware that you challenge us  
to think about our neighbour,  
all the people with whom we are in fellowship,  
and how we can be an answer to prayer.

For the lonely in our communities,  
the people with few friends,  
or little time to build relationships,  
**enfold them in your circle of love.**

For the people who are isolated,  
rejected by those around them,  
or unwanted by society,  
**enfold them in your circle of love.**

For the children who experience bullying,  
whose self-worth has been ground down  
by those around them:  
**enfold them in your circle of love.**

For those who have fractured relationships,  
partnerships that hang together by a thread,  
or that are full of domestic and family violence:  
**enfold them in your circle of love.**

For those who are separated from their loved ones,  
by distance,  
imprisonment,  
or disability;  
**enfold them in your circle of love.**

For those whose need is so basic,  
that they are focused more on survival  
than on their relationships:  
**enfold them in your circle of love.**

For all of us,  
that we may know your love  
and share your love  
until all the people around us  
know they too are loved:  
**enfold us in your circle of love.**  
**Amen.**

## Prayer after communion

Bread of life,  
you have fed us,  
nurtured us,  
given us our fill:  
and yet there are leftovers.

Give us the courage  
to ensure those leftovers  
do not go to waste;  
remind us to gather them up  
so they may be taken  
to those who cannot be here.

And as we leave this place,  
help us to go out hungry,  
hungry for justice,  
hungry for grace,  
and more than that  
hungry to see your love shared  
wherever we go in this world.

**Amen.**

## Benediction & Blessing

We have eaten a morsel  
to go out hungry –  
hungry for justice,  
hungry to share compassion,  
hungry to share in Christ's work of caring:  
for in this is the true communion with Christ.

And you go in fellowship,  
in the fellowship with each other  
and in fellowship with God –  
Parent, Christ, and Spirit –  
who is with you today and all days.

**Amen.**