

Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in August, 2018

Introduction

Leader Jesus speaks plainly and directly, telling us that he is our Living Bread, life for the world. Rejoice in his great gift, so accessible to us.

Opening Prayer

All Loving Father, you sent Jesus to be our life, our nourishment. We give you thanks and praise for the great gift of Eucharist. Increase our faith in Jesus' words and gratitude for his great gift. We pray with confidence in his name. Amen.

Word of God John 6:51-58

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John (Pause for silent reflection)

Optional: Discuss these questions in two's or three's. *The reading is on the reverse side.*

1. If you have ever been deprived of or missed receiving weekly Eucharist, what did you learn from that experience?
2. How do you deal with the possibility of taking the gift of Eucharist for granted?

Response (taken from John 6:51-58)

Side 1 "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."

Side 2 Refresh our faith and gratitude for your living bread.

Side 1 "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

Side 2 May we receive you often, Lord, with renewed faith and joy.

Side 1 "Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

Side 2 Lord, we hope in your promises and trust in the nourishment of your Living Bread.

Petitions Individuals add intentions to remember here.

Closing Prayer Psalm 34:6-7

All Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
And your faces may not blush with shame.
When the poor one called out, the Lord heard,
And from all his distress he saved him.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus said to the crowds,
“I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them,
“Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.

For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever.”