In the same way after the meal Jesus took the cup in his hands. He gave you thanks. Then he gave it to them saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

#### We drink in remembrance of Jesus. Amen.

#### SONG

Lift high the name of Jesus of Jesus our King.

Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace.

Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him.

He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Oh sing my soul, and tell all He's done, till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord. His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world. To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown.
We labour in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home.

#### FINAL PRAYER

Do stay for drinks and cakes in the dining room if you are able to!

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#### WELCOME

### SONG

Who has held the oceans in his hand? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at his voice; all creation rises to rejoice:

Behold our God! Seated on his throne, come let us adore him.
Behold our King! Nothing can compare: come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of his words? Who can teach the one who knows all things? Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon his hands bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal, humbled to the grave; Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign!

MEN: You will reign forever! WOMEN: Let your glory fill the earth! (repeat)

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

#### BITESIZE

#### **PRAYERS**

Our children and young people leave us to go to their groups

#### SONG

Turn your eyes upon Jesus! Look full in His wonderful face! And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace. I urn your eyes to the hillside, Where justice and mercy embraced. There the Son of God gave His life for us And our measureless debt was erased.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes! Jesus, our glory and our prize! We adore You, behold You, our Saviour ever true! Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You!

Turn your eyes to the morning And see Christ the Lion awake. What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone, For we carry His life in our yeins!

Turn your eyes to the heavens, Our King will return for His own. Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout, 'All glory to Jesus alone!'

BIBLE READING Luke 2: 22-40

### BIBLE TALK

## SONG

I am not skilled to understand what God has willed, what God has planned. I only know at His right hand, stands one who is my Saviour

I take Him at His word and deed. 'Christ died to save me'; this I read and in my heart I find a need, for Him to be my Saviour.

That He would leave His place on high, And come for sinful man to die. You count it strange, so once did I, before I knew my Saviour.

My Saviour loves, my Saviour lives, my Saviour's always there for me. My God He was, my God He is, my God He's always going to be!

Yes, living, dying, let me bring, my strength, my solace from this spring; that He who lives to be my King, once died to be my Saviour.

That He would leave...

#### CONFESSION

Heavenly Father.

we praise you for adopting us
as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life
in your Son Jesus Christ,
who has freed us from our sins
by his blood.

We know that we still fail to love you
with all our heart,
We know that we still fail to serve you as we
should.

We know that we need the death of Jesus for us.

Thank you that in him you pardon our offences and make us clean. May we continue as members of Christ,

in whom alone is salvation. Amen.

You are worthy, Lord God, to receive all glory and honour and power, for you are the creator and sustainer of all things. But especially we praise and thank you, heavenly Father, for our Saviour Jesus Christ, bright image of your glory, and your eternal Word, who took the form of a servant, was born in our likeness, and died for us on the cross.

By his death he has offered the one perfect sacrifice, all that was needed to take away the sins of the world, and to reconcile you, his Father, to us. By his rising to life, he has restored us to life eternal, and has given us your promised Holy Spirit, the guarantee of our inheritance.

Therefore with your whole creation and with all your people since time began, we honour and glorify you, for ever and ever, saying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come.

And so, trusting in your loving kindness, we pray:
Merciful Lord, we come here to your table
trusting in your measureless grace and not in
our own goodness.
Even though we can never make ourselves
righteous,
you are always rich in mercy
And give to each one who trusts in Christ
his perfect record of righteousness.
Gracious Lord, enable us by faith

to eat the flesh of your Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, so we may be cleansed and forever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

# **SONG & DISTRIBUTION**

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God; You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above; humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (repeat)

We thank you our heavenly Father that in your love and mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross to save us. By this offering of himself once and for all time, Jesus made the perfect, complete sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, satisfying your just demands in full.

Jesus commanded us to remember his death until his coming again.

Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we, who eat and drink this bread and wine, may remember and share in all the benefits of his death for us.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took the bread in his hands. He gave you thanks and broke it. Then he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, and eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

We eat in remembrance of Jesus. Amen