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Weekend of Prayer and Action Against Hunger

Order of Worship

“Give us each day our daily bread.” Luke 11:3

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Why We Pray and Act Against Hunger

The Focus of our Gathering

“Taste and see that the Lord is good”

One of the expressions of God’s abundant love for us is with food – tasty, nourishing, satisfying.

As you take a bite, enjoy the taste, texture, and flavour of what you are eating.

At the same time, offer a word of thanks for God’s goodness.

“I am the bread of Life,” Jesus declares.

As you chew and swallow this piece of bread, invite Christ to nourish your spirit during this time of worship.

*God has so abundantly provided for
all we could ever need...*

*Yet, so many are left struggling – either due to lack of
available, sustainable food - or due to over -availability and
misuse.*

*During this worship time, ask the Holy Spirit
to reveal how we might be better stewards of our own food
resources.*

We are connected to one another by faith, and our growth is dependent on each other and God.

Reflect on your connection with those who are in worship today/ in your family or circle of support/ in your community.

Today, we affirm our need to be connected with one another and with God.

It is that connection that unites us as we pray and act against hunger.

Opening Greeting

Hear these words of Jesus:

“I come that you may have life, and have it abundantly...” (John 10:10)

“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (John 6:35)

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (Matthew 5:6)



Opening Prayer



Opening Hymn/Song/Music

Prayer of Confession

Psalter Reading: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Give us each day, our daily bread.
From God's abundance, all are fed.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 23

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
Give us each day, our daily bread.
From God's abundance, all are fed.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 23

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

*Give us each day, our daily bread.
From God's abundance, all are fed.*

Psalter Reading: Psalm 23

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Give us each day, our daily bread.

From God's abundance, all are fed.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 11: 1 -8

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name.

Scripture Reading: Luke 11: 1 -8

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

Scripture Reading: Luke 11: 1 -8

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’

Scripture Reading: Luke 11: 1 -8

And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.



Hymn/Song/Music

Sermon/Reflection Questions/ Symbolic Actions

1. How aware and informed are we of some of the urgent needs of people who are faced with a hunger crisis?
2. In what ways, if any, have we been dismissive of the cries of need for help when they reach our ears?

Sermon/Reflection Questions/ Symbolic Actions

3. As the hungry persist in their call and cry for help, in what ways can we too be persistent in our praying and acting against hunger?
4. What are some best practices and who are some role models who show to us a way of life that lead towards a world without hunger?



Hymn/Song/Music

Response to the Word

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ,
calls us by grace

to be renewed in the image of our

Creator,

that we may be one

in divine love for the world.

Response to the Word

Today is the day
God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.
And so shall we.

Response to the Word

Today is the day
God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference,
favors solidarity transforming strangers into
friends.

And so shall we.

Response to the Word

Today is the day
God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and
poor,
demands justice for workers in the
marketplace.
And so shall we.

Response to the Word

Today is the day
God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.
And so shall we.

Response to the Word

Today is the day
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.
And so shall we.

Response to the Word

*Today is the day
God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind, and
sets the oppressed free.
And so shall we. Amen.*



Hymn/Song/Music

Prayers of Intercession

God, at whose bidding the earth came into being
Who promised and provides seedtime and harvest
Who is faithful and loving to all he has made
Give us each day our daily bread.

Prayers of Intercession

Christ, whose food was to do the will of the one
who sent you

Inspire our hearts with desire to serve your
purposes

That through us the poor and oppressed may be
released

Give us each day our daily bread.

Prayers of Intercession

Bread of life, Word made flesh

Make your truth known in places where injustice
prevails

Speak through us to challenge greed and inequality

Give us each day our daily bread.

Prayers of Intercession

God and Father of all humanity

May we welcome those whom others might call
stranger

So that in plenty or need, none need be excluded

Give us each day our daily bread.



The Lord's Prayer



Closing Hymn/Song/Music

Sending Forth / Benediction

You give us each day our daily bread, O God.
As you have filled us with good things,
may we never close our hearts to those who are
hungry, homeless, and poor.
Let us go forth in your love to abundantly welcome
and nourish in spirit and body those who seek to
know you.

Sending Forth / Benediction

And, “now, to God, who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,” be all honour and glory, today and always. Amen.