

*The Sheldon Community*

*Annual  
Community Re-Dedication*

*Friday 4th August 2017*



*Music is playing as everyone takes their seats in silence.*

## Welcome

Welcome in the communion of the Holy Spirit  
Welcome in the love of Jesus of Nazareth  
Welcome in the name of the Wise, Compassionate, Living God

*The Paschal candle is lit*

God of mysterious presence  
God who speaks light into being  
God revealed to us in Jesus  
you have called each of us by name  
    The Lord be a light to our path  
    **The Lord lead you in all His ways**

*Community each light a candle*

We bring our wholeness and our brokenness  
    We bring the time of our lives  
    **May we seek your eternal kingdom**  
We bring our stewardship and our wastefulness  
    We bring the time of our lives  
    **May we seek your eternal kingdom**  
We bring our skills and our ignorance  
    We bring the time of our lives  
    **May we seek your eternal kingdom**  
We bring our service and our selfishness  
    We bring the time of our lives  
    **May we seek your eternal kingdom**  
We bring our strength and our weakness  
    We bring the time of our lives  
    **May we seek your eternal kingdom**  
We bring our stability and our restlessness  
    We bring the time of our lives  
    **May we seek your eternal kingdom**

We bring our energy and apathy  
We bring the time of our lives  
**May we seek your eternal kingdom**  
We bring our successes and our failures  
We bring the time of our lives  
**May we seek your eternal kingdom**

*Taize chant:*

***The Lord is my light, my light and salvation  
in God I trust, in God I trust.***

### *Confession and absolution*

**God you know us as we are  
you know our selfishness  
our anger and bitterness  
our fear and apathy  
our hardness of heart  
our deliberate blindness  
our need to begin again  
In your mercy and love forgive us  
change and renew us in Christ  
Amen**

*Period of silence*

*The absolution is pronounced together, to one another*

**Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners  
Hear then the word of grace : your sins are forgiven**

### *Readings*

*After each reading, a short period of silence is kept*

*First reading*

*Growing in Trust - Jean Vanier - The Broken Body*

The sense of belonging flows from trust: trust is the gradual acceptance of others as they are with their gifts and their

limits, each one with the call of Jesus. And this leads to the realization that the body of community is not perfectly whole and cannot be, that this is our human condition. And it is all right for us to be less than perfect. We must not weep over our imperfections. We are not judged for being defective. Our God knows that in so many ways we are lame and half blind. We will never win the olympics of humanity, racing for perfection, but we can walk together in hope, celebrating that we are loved in our brokenness:

helping each other  
growing in trust  
living in thanksgiving  
learning to forgive  
opening up to others  
welcoming them

and striving to bring peace and hope to our world. So it is that we come to put down roots in community not because it is perfect and wonderful, but because we believe that Jesus has called us together. It is where we belong and are called to grow and serve.

*Second Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians ch 2 v 1-5*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness or sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing that would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody must be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of their own interests first, but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

### **Intercessions**

We pray for the Sheldon Community  
for Carl, Sue, Jan, Hillary, Sarah, Rhian, Andrew

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for Alison

living alongside Community and preparing for her future ministry

Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us

We pray for Tim, Claire, Isabelle and Matilda  
making their home with us

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for all who belong at Sheldon  
for staff, volunteers, Friends

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for all who are welcomed at Sheldon  
for retreats, in crisis, groups, theatre

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for all people in Christian ministry  
as they seek to serve you

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for those who are sick or distressed  
especially those known to us

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for the needs of the world  
for people and planet

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

*Taize chant:*

***O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer  
When I call, answer me***

***O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me***

*Silence*

**Dear God, we ask you to accept all our prayers  
and the unspoken desires of our hearts  
in the name of Christ Amen.**

## **Community Re-Dedication**

*Blow out candles*

*Carl pours water into the large bowl and says*

God of all that is, may this water be a sign to us of the life of Christ flowing in and through our lives.

*Friends say to the Community:*

**Will you live, work and pray together as the Sheldon Community, seeking to develop stability in your common life?**

*Community response:*

We will support and encourage one another as we seek to live out God's calling rooted and grounded in the rhythm of our common life

*Friends say to the Community:*

**Will you accept the shared calling of servanthood, treating with love, dignity and respect all those you minister alongside and all the guests entrusted to your care?**

*Community response:*

We seek to meet the needs of each person in a spirit of welcome, hospitality and service.

*Members of the Community dip small bowls*

*Community to Tim and Claire*

Tim and Claire we invite you to come and share our lives, living and working here as you test your vocation to Community.

May your life and ministry here be a blessing to you and to all those you serve

*Tim and Claire say*

Under God we choose to walk this path with you.

*Community each make a sign of the cross on Tim and Claire's palms*

*Community to Isabelle and Matilda*

Isabelle and Matilda we welcome you into the life of our  
Community

May you be always surrounded in love

*Community give Isabelle and Matilda each a small token*

*All say*

**We pray for you all in your common life and ministry.**

*Everyone stands*

*Members of the Community take water to make a sign of the  
cross on the palms of each guest.*

*Each person sits down after receiving. When all are seated ...*

*Friends say to the Community:*

**Will you be good stewards of the resources God gives  
you, witnessing to the faithfulness of God's provision?**

*Community response:*

We will be trustworthy in our stewardship of God's gifts,  
seeking God's purpose and God's glory.

*The bowls of water are poured back into the central bowl*

*Community to Friends:*

Will you as Friends pray for us and support us in our common  
life, our ministry and our witness?

*Friends' Response:*

**We pray for you now and through the coming year. May  
you be blessed in your life together, and through your  
service bring blessing to many.**

**We pray for strength, wisdom, guidance and support.**

**We ask these things of the God who calls you and equips  
you in His service, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## *Eucharistic Prayer*

Lord God, intimately close,  
yet always further on;  
revealing yourself in simple ways,  
yet greater by far than our imagining;  
we praise you, saying

**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts  
the whole earth is full of God's glory!  
Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.  
It is made ready for those who love him  
and who want to love him more.  
So come,  
You who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have tried to follow  
and you who have failed.  
Come,  
Our Lord invites you to meet him here.

**Wisdom has built her house  
she has mixed her wine  
she has laid her table  
Blessed be God forever.**

Let us hear the story of how this sacrament began:  
On the night on which Jesus was betrayed  
He sat at supper with his disciples.  
He took a piece of bread and said a blessing  
"This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me"  
He took a cup of wine saying  
"This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood.  
Drink this to remember me."

So now, following Jesus' example and command,  
We take this bread and this wine,  
The ordinary things of the world which Christ transforms.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now,  
breathe your Spirit on us and upon this bread and wine,  
that they may be heaven's food and drink for us.  
May they renew, sustain and make us whole,  
that we may be your body here on earth,  
and share in bringing justice, peace and love to all the world.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts we remember Christ  
and pray that you will make us one in him, our risen Lord,  
Amen.**

Look, look,  
Here is your Lord coming to you  
in bread and wine.  
These are the gifts of God  
for the people of God.

*The bread and wine are distributed*  
The Body of Christ  
The Blood of Christ

*A short period of silence*

Faithful God,  
you have adopted us as your children,  
call us to be members of the body of Christ  
and made us inheritors of your kingdom:  
we thank you that you renew your promises within us,  
and empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## *The Blessing*

Let the majesty of the Father  
be the light by which you walk,  
the compassion of the Son  
be the love by which you walk,  
the presence of the Spirit  
be the power by which you walk.  
Amen

The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion. In  
God I trust. In God I trust. The

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are: "The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion. In". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "God I trust. In God I trust. The". The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.