

Love Feast Liturgy

1. Introduction

The early Christians of times past had a common meal, which expressed the self-giving love seen ultimately in God's love for the world. This meal was called: the Agape feast. Agape being the Greek word for the self-giving love of God seen in God's love for the world. Today, we call it the Love feast. The Love Feast acknowledges our koinonia...our community, sharing, fellowship, and unity

2. Call To Worship

Welcome to our online love feast,
which is a way of expressing the sharing,
belonging and fellowship we have together as followers of Jesus.
A key part of it is to share our stories
how your story is part of God's story.

3. *Hymn StF 152 This is the day*

4. Prayer

Forgive us our sins O, God.

In the past, we have sinned in attitude and action,
commission and omission, individually and communally.

We have not shared love where love was needed, and we have been impatient with others. We have been numb to the sufferings of the community around us, which has prevented us from living in your way. We have failed to love one another in critical times, and we have failed to know what it truly means to love as you love us.

Forgive us

Holy God, we thank you that wherever we are you are with us. We praise you that in Christ we have new life. Unite us in this worship by your Holy Spirit that we may each know your blessing. **Amen.**

5. Bible Reading Matthew 22:34-40

6. What is your Easter story {open sharing}

7. Sharing the love Feast

8. Let's eat and drink together, in thankfulness to God

Eat your food and drink your drink.

9. Prayer for the world.

10. *Hymn StF 305 Low in the grave he lay*

11. Closing Prayer

Through faith, may God dwell in our hearts in love. And "I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3.18-19). Which is far more than we could ever understand. Glory you, oh God, the Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. And the people said... Amen.