

Liturgy for a Love Feast

Pastor: We remember how Jesus came to the well in Samaria and met the woman who was there drawing her water. In conversation, Jesus invited her to drink from the “living water,” which he told her would never make her thirsty again. “The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

Hold the glass of water in your hands.

People: Without water, there can be no life. In creation, the Spirit of God hovered over the water and brought forth light. God brought John to the Jordan River to call us to repentance. We were nourished in the water of the womb. We were baptized by water and the Spirit into God’s family. Water reminds us of the gifts of creation that God has so abundantly given us, and of the love and grace we have all received.

Pastor: Drink the water slowly. Know that God’s love is flowing into your body and soul right now.

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

Take a piece of bread in your hands.

People: Christ broke bread and fed the multitudes. Christ broke bread and formed a new covenant with his

closest friends and with all who break bread in remembrance of him. Christ was made known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Bread reminds us that, just like individual grains of wheat are gathered together to make a single loaf, we who are scattered are one body in Christ.

Pastor: Break and eat the piece of bread that you are holding. Remember the times you have received bread in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Remember those who gathered with you. Remember the presence of Christ in that moment. Be assured that Christ is with you in every moment of your life. Allow Christ's love to surround you.

Silent Prayer

Unison Prayer Eternal God, we give you thanks for the assurances of your love which we realize in this feast. Grant that, as we have experienced Christ anew in these holy moments, we may bear witness to his presence in our lives so that others may come to know his love and grace. We rejoice, Almighty God, that you are our Creator and we are your beloved people. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

