

AGAPE - blessing of food and drink (taken from the prayers of the Didache)

Leader Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of this food and drink that we share together as a sign of your kingdom, which is to come in glory, and yet is already here now in so far as you live among us in the love we have for one another.

(wine is poured out)

All: We give thanks to you, our creator, for this wine, remembering Israel your people, brought like a vine out of Egypt, and planted in the promised land (wine is passed round)

(the bread is broken and passed round and all say)

All: As we break the bread we thank you O creator for the life and knowledge of yourself which you gave us through Jesus Christ. To you be glory for ever.

As this broken bread was scattered upon the mountains, but was brought together and became one, so let your children, Lord, be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ for ever. (all eat)

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final song Rejoice alleluia (round)

(Put together by Ianthe and Oliver Pratt, Veronica and Peter Seddon, January 1986 for a house gathering of children, women and men who had previously participated in a "Catholic Peoples Week").

CWO Walking June 07 Theme - the Spirit

Sing Veni Creator Spiritus (Taize)

Prayer said alternately by Group A and B

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For her delight is in the truth,
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(Hymn to wisdom - peace preaching course
Be in love ... Jim Coffey)

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Prayer (from WCC "In Spirit and in Truth")

(read around, all joining in the italicised lines, all saying the last verse)

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through you, Christ lives in us,
and we in Christ.
Forgive us when we forget you
and when we fail to live in your joy.
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Spirit of love,
you bind us in love to yourself
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Forgive our fragmenting of your church
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Spirit in the world,
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Forgive our wars and our hatreds,
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As the dove gently settles on the tree,
receive the gift of peace.
As the flame rises free with light and warmth,
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Amen.

Intercessory prayers (sing Veni Creator Spiritus after each two)

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