

GIVING

Your generous giving at today's Communion Gathering will be split 50/50. 50% will stay with Greenbelt to help us safeguard the future of the festival. The other 50% will go to relief and restoration projects in Gaza through our friends at Christian Aid.

You can make a gift by putting cash or a cheque (made out to Greenbelt Festivals Limited) into the white buckets, or you can make your donation online by credit or debit card. If you'd prefer to do that, please visit the Jesus Arms, The Hope and Anchor or the G-Store any time over the weekend and say you want to contribute to the communion offering. Finally, you could make a donation online by visiting greenbelt.org.uk/communion-giving or using this QR code.

If you are a UK tax payer, please make sure that you also complete a Gift Aid form, which you will find in your communion bag, and put that in the bucket too. Whatever you choose to do, THANK YOU for supporting Greenbelt and the people of Gaza through this offering.



BREAD & WINE

The bread we use for our Act of Communion is gluten free. It was baked this morning by Incredible Bakery Company in Warkton, less than a mile from where we are sitting. Please take remaining bread with you and be sure to eat it up!

The 'wine' we share is non-alcoholic.

CREDITS

Come Away In Karine Polwart

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks, adapted by Fiona Hanscombe

Raise an Alleluia Margaret McLarty

By the Waters of Babylon

Words from Psalm 137. Tune Philip Hayes, arr. Lee Hays and Don McLean.

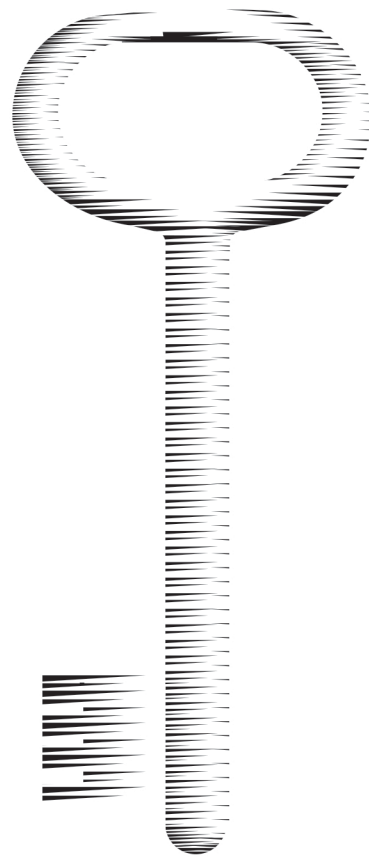
Eat this bread Jacques Berthier / Taize Community

Guide me O my great redeemer William Williams

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DREAMING OF HOME



GREENBELT ACT OF COMMUNION 2024

We gather this year with hearts wrung out by the conflict in the Middle East.

Because of this, our Act of Communion will have a simple, stripped-down feel.

We will share our bread like those who are still searching for the safe home we are dreaming of.

WELCOME SONG Come away in

Come away, come away in
Come away, come away in
The storm it is rising
but we'll hold back the wind
Come away, come away in
Come away in

SONG Raise an Alleluia

Respond to each line : Alleluia, alleluia

Chorus Stone and salt and sea
Raise an alleluia to our Maker
Raise an alleluia for the life in you
and me

PRAYER

Respond to each line : Make your home with us

SONG O little town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Beyond thy bleak and dreamless sleep
The deathly comets fly
And in your torn streets, haunted
By visions of the dead,
The walls don't shield and can't rebuild
A house of broken bread

O mourning souls, together
We feel the shining pain
A sacred light that's seeping out,
Tracing the next bloodstain
For light burns bright in darkness
And in this world of sin
Amidst the tears, the cracks and fears
Are how the light gets in

How vulnerably, how painfully
Your mothers now give birth,
As Ramah weeps and Rachel breaks
Her body on the earth
No ear may hear her sorrow
But in that deep release
A requiem of beauty still
Whispers its song of peace

O suffering child of Bethlehem
Whose wounds are always fresh
As love weeps from your ragged skin
And hope is housed in flesh
A newborn birthing all things new
When brokenness you rend
Where ruins stand and tears are stopped
And death is not the end

SONG By the Waters of Babylon

By the waters, the waters of Babylon
We lay down and wept, and wept for thee Zion
We remember thee, remember thee,
remember thee Zion

SONG Palestinian Halleluiah

Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelu

CHANT Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

SONG Holy holy

Holy holy, holy holy
God almighty, God almighty
Hosanna, Hosanna
In the highest, in the highest

PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen

SONG Eat this bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

SONG Guide me, O my great redeemer

Guide me, O my great redeemer
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty,
Hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Ever be my Strength and Shield;
Ever be my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to you;
I will ever sing to you.