OBM - Shorter Order for Communion (Incarnate Lord)

Welcome and Introduction

Becoming present to God

God of perfect timing
Who sent your Son into our world
And your Spirit into our hearts
We receive you afresh
for this day
and these moments.

Celebrating the presence of God

World-entering God

In you we live and move and have our being Self-emptying God

In you we live and move and have our being Jesus-raising God

In you we live and move and have our being Spirit-breathing God

In you we live and move and have our being.

A pause to name any specific thanks or praise

Acknowledging our humanity

God of loving kindness, your Spirit helps us to live as children of God. Where we have turned a blind eye to others exchanging your glorious freedom for chains of self-gain or rivalry, Gracious God forgive us. (Pause)

May your renewing Spirit help us to be makers of peace pursuers of justice lovers of mercy

Listening for the Word

bearing witness to Christ.

From *The Common Lectionary* - Gospel &, optionally, other reading(s).

Canticle - Optional

Song of the Lord's Indescribable Generosity
For you know the generosity
of our Lord Jesus Christ:
though he was rich,
for our sake he became poor,
so that by his poverty we might become rich.

~ Invitation to the Table Jesus says: 'Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door. I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.' Come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come. but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you. Come and meet the risen Christ. for we are his Body.

- ~ The peace
- ~ Song (Optional)
- ~ Thanksgiving
 Loving God,
 we give you thanks for all your gifts.
 In love you gave us Jesus your Son
 to rescue us from sin and death.
 To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
 With signs of faith and words of hope
 he touched untouchables with love
 and washed the guilty clean.
 This is his story.
 This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. Therefore, with this bread and this cup, we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death, he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. By your grace, may we and all who share this food, offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast celebrating the joining of heaven with earth and you dwelling among your people:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

- ~ Words of institution & sharing of bread & wine
- ~ Bringing our concerns
 God whose poverty makes us rich:
 to those who hunger, give bread;
 to us who have bread,
 give the hunger for justice.
 (Free prayer for church and world)
- ~ Closing Responses:
 We have seen your glory here, O Lord,
 May we see it in the world.
 We have known your presence here, O Lord,
 May we know it everywhere.
 We have received your love, O Lord,
 May we give you ours.
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Going to love and serve

We go to live and serve as children of God For that is what we are!