

Acrostic Eucharist

One of the few advantages to the National Curriculum is that our children all, at one time or another, are introduced to acrostic poetry. Acrostics are part of the Hebrew tradition - for the Hebrew scholars among you, Psalm 119 is perhaps the best known. I think when I wrote this prayer I probably found the word "Eucharist" too difficult to acrosticise!?

Come to my table, all of you,
Offer the best that you have.
Meet together.
Meet with me.
Unlimited gifts are waiting for you.
No one is excluded.
Imagine the whole earth in harmony
Only believe
Never forget this foretaste of Shalom

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.¹

Coming together as
One
May be the closest
Meeting of heaven and earth
Until the day when
Nothing separates us from the
Infinite love of the
One who
Never ceases to pour out blessings

Christ
Our God
Made known in bread
Made known in wine
Use us
Now and tomorrow
In the service of Shalom.
Our lives are filled with your glory.
New every morning. Today and forever.

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¹ 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 New Revised Standard Version