

## 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!?*

**C**ome to my table, all of you,  
**O**ffer the best that you have.  
**M**eet together.  
**M**eet with me.  
**U**nlimited gifts are waiting for you.  
**N**o one is excluded.  
**I**magine the whole earth in harmony  
**O**nly believe  
**N**ever 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.<sup>1</sup>

**C**oming together as  
**O**ne  
**M**ay be the closest  
**M**eeting of heaven and earth  
**U**ntil the day when  
**N**othing separates us from the  
**I**nfinite love of the  
**O**ne who  
**N**ever ceases to pour out blessings

**C**hrist  
**O**ur God  
**M**ade known in bread  
**M**ade known in wine  
**U**se us  
**N**ow and tomorrow  
**I**n the service of Shalom.  
**O**ur lives are filled with your glory.  
**N**ew every morning. Today and forever.

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<sup>1</sup> 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 New Revised Standard Version