

# People Before Things

*This Eucharist is based on Amos 8.5.*

When will church be over so I can get to the supermarket?

**Help us serve you, God, not money,  
and to put people before things.**

When can I get home so I can play on my Wii or Playstation?

**Help us serve you, God, not money,  
and to put people before things.**

Maybe I won't bother to buy fair trade this week.

**Help us serve you, God, not money,  
and to put people before things.**

It won't matter if we eat fruit that's flown half-way around the world.

**Help us serve you, God, not money,  
and to put people before things.**

I don't want to share my sweets with my friend.

**Help us serve you, God, not money,  
and to put people before things.**

For on the night the Passover Feast was celebrated  
when the authorities were plotting to arrest him  
Jesus made time to sit at table with his friends  
He took bread and honoured the labourer  
broke it to speak of the brokenness of humanity  
and shared it with them to speak of community.

*[break bread]*

For when they had eaten their fill of food and laughter  
and the events of Gethsemane became inevitable  
Jesus had some last words for his friends  
He took the wine of parties and celebration  
poured it to speak of his forthcoming death  
and shared it with them to speak of hope of new life to come.

*[lift wine]*

Above all Jesus put people before rules and conventions  
**As we eat this bread we remember the brokenness of humanity  
and give thanks for the strength of community.**

*[share bread]*

Above all Jesus put people before authority and wealth  
**As we drink this wine we remember that we all share in one blood  
and give thanks for the hope of new life to come.**

*[Share wine]*

We have feasted at your table and shared the love of this community  
as we go out into the week ahead may we share your love with those we meet,  
**Help us serve you, God, not money,  
and to put people before things.  
Amen.**

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