

An Urban Celebration

Over half the population of the world now live in cities.

In the UK, though, cities are still thought of as frightening, dark places, places to be escaped. The last fifty years has seen a gradual move out of the city and into the comfort of suburbia. And, of course, the church has followed. Many inner city church buildings are now offices, wine bars or mosques.

But there is much that is good about the city. Much that can be celebrated. In the Hebrew Scriptures, the city is a place of sanctuary. The city is the place where God is found. Jesus is drawn towards the city and it is in the city where his self-giving love is most fully demonstrated on the cross. This Eucharist celebrates the city.

People.	seeing	daring
People everywhere.	observing	giving
So many people.	creating	taking
rushing	making	eating
stressing	demolishing	
meeting	building	<i>[share bread]</i>
greeting	changing	
working	challenging	reflecting
playing	reassuring	
shopping	entertaining	pouring
sleeping	amusing	raising
hiding	alarming	living
sheltering	disarming	promising
sweltering	charming	
loving	weaving	<i>[share wine]</i>
hating	ducking	
fighting	diving	praying
writing	driving	
righting	striving	dreaming
alighting	arriving	scheming
flighting	departing	planning
fleeing	missing	preparing
finding	achieving	daring
discovering	succeeding	caring
learning	failing	
yearning	falling	hoping
pining	calling	
dining	teaching	for where two or three
buying	healing	million are gathered
trying	exciting	together...
crying	challenging	
comforting	supporting	there is hope.
hugging	gathering	
jogging	feeding	
racing	washing	
celebrating	knowing	
partying	betraying	
dancing	lifting	
singing	breaking	
listening	tearing	
watching	sharing	

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