

Eucharistic Prayer for Gay Pride Week - 2005

Around this table Jesus makes a place for everybody

Straight and gay, clergy and lay, young and young at heart

For the circle of our Creator is wider than the universe

For those outstretched arms embrace all of creation

They embrace you

And they embrace me.

For that circle is the rainbow given by the Holy One

The rainbow of life refracted through the eyes of the Divine

Giving colours and combinations, sizes and shapes

To the beauty that is creation.

For this circle is large enough for everyone

And small enough to make us welcome

For this circle holds all of us together

For this circle has no beginning nor end.

For it is fashioned by the hands of God

As each one of us has been turned on the great potter's wheel

Who has taken our souls and woven them together into the seamless garment that is the beauty of humanity.

For the fire of love burns deep in our bodies

For the fire of love burns deep in our souls

Searing us, warming us, changing us,

Blessing our bodiliness, our forms, our limbs, our lives

Calling us together as children of the Divine,

Made in the image and likeness of God.

Who gave us the gift of Jesus,

His flesh of God's flesh,

Our blood of his blood

Who called us together to love and to care for one another.

He cared that we loved, not who we loved.

He called us together to be his friends,

Celebrating the presence of God, making the circle ever wide,

And he blessed all of us and said "this is my body"

Take my body

'this is my blood'

be part of my life

And so we celebrate together the rich fabric of creation,

Holding the circle against those who would break it,

Holding fast to compassion for one another

Because She calls us

To love unconditionally

Celebrate joyfully,

Serve faithfully

So that all people may take their place around the table of Jesus.