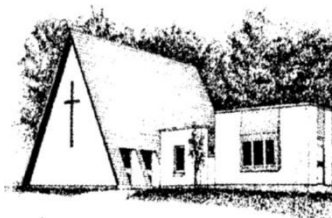


**Saint Margaret of Scotland, Scottish Episcopal
Church, Rosyth and Rosyth Methodist Church**

Working Together in Partnership



AGAPÉ MEAL

**To celebrate the 10th anniversary
of the formation of the
Local Ecumenical Partnership
between the two congregations**

Pentecost 2010

23 May, 2010 at 6.00 pm

'Agapé' is the New Testament Greek word for 'Self-giving love'. In the Christian tradition, and 'Agapé' is also the name for informal meals and times of togetherness and mutual sharing which remind us of all those meals Jesus shared with his friends and the unity that his Spirit continues to give us.

These meanings and associations are especially poignant for us today in Rosyth as we celebrate and give thanks for the close friendship that has developed between our two congregations. This special relationship was formalised 10 years ago in the signing of a Covenant between us, marking the beginning of our Local Ecumenical Partnership.

And today as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our formal relationship we also acknowledge and celebrate the many ways in which our congregations and their members work together both formally and informally, and the many friendships that have been formed over the years.

Such partnerships are important in the life of both our churches – both locally and nationally and provide a valuable testimony to those around us of Christian unity and of a united witness to the Gospel and God's love.

THE PREPARATION

Call to Worship

How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony!

This is the place and this is the time: Here and now, God waits to break into our experience.

To change our minds.

To change our hearts.

To change our ways.

To help us see the world and the whole of life in a new light.

To fill us with joy, and hope for the future.

Here and now, let us praise God.

Hymn

- 1 **We are one in the Spirit,**
we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

- 2 We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land.
- 3 We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
we will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each man's dignity
and save each man's pride.

- 4 All praise to the Father
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus
his only son,
and all praise to the Spirit
who makes us one.t

The Covenant

The Covenant between the two congregations is read

Silence

Setting the Table

On the table in the midst of this community, joined in partnership, and with whom Christ is present, we lay set symbols to remind us of his promises to us:

- Person 1 A candle, to remind us of Jesus who said, 'I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life'.
- Person 2 Bread, symbol of Jesus who said, 'I am the bread of life. The bread that I shall give is myself for the life of the world.'
- Person 3 A Cross, to remind us that Jesus said, 'A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.'

Lord, we welcome your presence with us. May the food and companionship we share nourish our bodies, our hearts and our minds. And may our spirits be refreshed as we live in the light of your presence with us, now and at all times and in all places. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD

Song

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, 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.'

Bread is passed from person to person around the table – each person breaking off a small piece of bread and giving it to the person on his or her right.

As the bread is shared, the following words are said:

We are one in Christ Jesus,
We are one in his love,
We are now and forever at peace.

THE MEAL

The first course is served

Reading

John 13:31-35

Hymn

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you;
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all men know that you are my
disciples:
if you have love, one for another:
by this shall all men know that you are my
disciples:
if you have love, one for another.

The main course is served

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes.
May now your love sweep this nation;
cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding,
brotherly love that is real.
Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

The third course is served

THE SHARING OF THE WINE

Song

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

After supper he took the cup saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.'

The chalice is passed from person to person around the table. As the cup is shared, the following words are said:

We are one in Christ Jesus,
We are one in his love,
We are now and forever at peace.

SENDING OUT AND DISMISSAL

Blessing

May the Lord bless you
and protect you.
May the Lord smile on you
and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you his favour
and give you his peace.

Hymn

1. **All praise to our redeeming Lord,**
Who joins us by his grace,
And bids us, each to each restored,
Together see his face.
2. He bids us build each other up;
And, gathered into one,
To our high calling's glorious hope
We hand in hand go on.
3. The gift which he on one bestows,
We all delight to prove;
The grace through every vessel flows,
In purest streams of love.
4. Ev'n now we think and speak the same,
And cordially agree;
Concentred all, through Jesu's name,
In perfect harmony.
5. We all partake the joy of one,
The common peace we feel,
A peace to sensual minds unknown,
A joy unspeakable.
6. And if our fellowship below
In Jesus be so sweet,
What heights of rapture shall we know
When round his throne we meet!

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Our regular pattern of worship

Sundays (except 4th)

9.30am Episcopalian Sung Eucharist
11.00am Methodist Morning Worship (including Sunday School)

2nd Sundays: for the Young Church

9.00am Breakfast and "Sunday Funday"
11.00am All-age service

4th Sundays: Worship together

11.00am Joint Communion Service
6.00pm "Sunday@Six"