

## Reflection on the table

Our communion table tells a story ...  
A story of separation and estrangement  
A story of broken relationship and homelessness  
The split down the middle of our table tells the story of a broken relationship between God and his people...In this tear in the wood... we see the depths of sadness and the wages of sin  
But this table is also the story of our salvation...  
Of God who heard his children's cries and came to rescue them from the darkness... in his Son Jesus the Christ  
It is in Jesus that all things are repaired  
As we place the communion bread and wine down on the splintered crack in the table...We tell another story  
We remember that the body and the blood of Christ heal the great divide  
It is a story of healing and unification.  
A story of welcome and homecoming....A story of exodus across the divide and into new life...A story of crossing into the promised land  
A story of Sacrifice and redemption  
The crucified and risen Christ is the bridge between God's Kingdom and our world  
Today our table also tells the story of the times that we are living through.  
We are isolated from one another...we cannot meet to share at this table.  
There is a division wrought by disease and fear  
But we must also know that by the power of the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead...we are always truly united.  
We are one in Christ...One in his love and under his saving grace. One at this table wherever we are  
As Paul writes...I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons neither the present, nor the future nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord  
Neither isolation nor quarantine, neither fear nor despair, neither sickness nor infection will be able to separate us from the love that has healed our hearts and lives in Christ Jesus  
May his name and his story be always remembered and glorified at this our table