

Mission Community celebration/commissioning

SYMBOLIC ACT OF UNITY AT THE OFFERTORY

Action

Individual parishes bring to the altar a symbol/item/icon representing their particular parish. These icons are laid at the foot of the altar so to form a collage of the new Mission Community.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the diversity of gifts that you so generously bestow upon us. In this act of offering that we make today, we bring all that we have been and all that we are, to share with those within the XX Mission Community. Bless us in our differences and, through your Holy Spirit, unite us in our common desire to love and serve you.

May we be united in one body through our common faith and calling, to live and work together as beacons of light and love in this place for your praise and glory.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Reading

Ephesians 4: 11-16

Music:

One is the Body
Lord for the Years
Great is thy Faithfulness