

We gather in worship

*Please join in all parts in bold type.
Please stand where indicated only if
you wish. Before we begin, the priest
will welcome everyone and invite us to
join in prayer as we prepare ourselves
for worship.*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts
are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*After praying, please remain quiet until,
the bell rings and we stand to sing:*

**Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me,
save that thou art;
be thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping,
thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me,
and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father,
my love thou hast won;
be thou in me dwelling,
and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour,
be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter,
be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not,
nor vain empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance
now and always;
be thou and thou only the first
in my heart:
O sovereign of heaven,
my treasure thou art.**

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is a box by the entrance. Details of online options are in the news sheet and on our website.*

High King of heaven,
thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys
after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be thou my vision,
O Ruler of all.

*Irish 8th Century,
trans. Mary Elizabeth Byrne, (1880-1931)*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you;
and also with you

The priest invites us to confess,

**Almighty God, our heavenly
Father, we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour in
thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through
weakness, through our own
deliberate fault. We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins. For the
sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who
died for us, forgive us all that is
past and grant that we may serve
you in newness of life to the glory
of your name. Amen.**

The priest declares forgiveness.

♪ Glory to God, Glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

**Glory to God, Glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord God, Heav'nly King,
Almighty God and Father,
**Glory to God, Glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

We worship you, **Glory in the highest.**
Give you thanks, **Glory in the highest.**
Praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, Glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord Jesus, Christ,
only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us; **have mercy on us.**

You are seated at the right hand of
the Father: receive our prayer.

Receive our prayer

Glory to God, Glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.
**Glory to God, Glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy one,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
Glory of God, the glory of God,
the Father.

**Glory to God, Glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**
Amen. **Amen.**

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We listen for God's Word *We sit*

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in

Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The cantor leads Psalm 92 and we join in the refrain.



Lord, it is good to give



thanks to you.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, Most High, to proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the Lord, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4.26-34

We stand, facing the gospel.

Alleluia..., **alleluia...**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. **Alleluia...**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the Sermon.

The Creed

We stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *We sit*

The response in the prayers is
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

and, at the end,
Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We celebrate and receive Jesus in Bread and Wine

The Peace *We stand*

The peace of the Lord be always with you; **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offer one another a sign of peace with a handshake, warm smile, nod, or bow, and with the words, 'Peace be with you.'

The Offering

We stand

O Lord my God!
when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works
thy hand hath made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout
the universe displayed:
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! (x2)

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think
that God—his Son not sparing —
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home—
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim,
my God, how great thou art!

Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

The priest takes the bread and wine and says the prayers of preparation; we respond to each part of the prayer:
Blessed be God forever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing if it is comfortable for you.

The Lord is here;
God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God and we sing,

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest. (×2)**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he,
blessed is he
who comes in the name
he who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest. (×2)**

The priest continues, recalling the Last Supper, then the deacon says,

Great is the mystery of faith

♪ **Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The priest continues ending with

...forever and ever. ♪ **Amen. (x6)**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be
your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but
deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking the bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

♪ Jesus, Lamb of God, (×2)
You take away
the sins of the world
have mercy on us. *(repeat)*

Jesus, Lamb of God, (×2)
You take away
the sins of the world
Grant us your peace,
grant us your peace.

We share in Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The people receive communion or a blessing. Gluten free are available.

**For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

Josiah Conder (1789 - 1855)

*The choir sings the anthem,
Be thou my vision by Bob Chilcott (b.1955)*

We keep silence together.

O God, whose beauty is beyond our
imagining and whose power we
cannot comprehend: show us your
glory as far as we can grasp it, and
shield us from knowing more than we
can bear until we may look upon you
without fear; through Jesus Christ our
Saviour. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for
feeding us with the body and
blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice. Send us out in the power
of your Spirit to live and work to
your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices may be given.

We may hear from the children.

***We go into the world
to share God's love*** *We stand*

Hope of our calling:
hope through courage won;
by those who dared to share
all Christ had done.

Saints of today,
Christ's banner now unfurled,
we bring his gospel
to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling:
hope with strength empowered,
inspired by all that we
have seen and heard;
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,
to live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling:
hope with grace outpoured,
from death's despair
the gift of life restored;
our call to serve,
to wash each others' feet,
to bring Christ's healing touch
to all we meet.

Hope of our calling:
hope by faith made bold;
to sow God's righteousness
throughout the world;
bring peace from conflict,
fruitfulness from weeds,
the kingdom's harvest
from the kingdom's seeds.

Hope of our calling:
Spirit-filled, unbound,
old joys remembered
and new purpose found,
our call refreshed
by sacrament and word,
we go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.

Ally Barrett (b. 1975)

The Blessing

The priest prays for God's blessing.

The deacon says,

Go in the peace to love
and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Please remain standing until the
ministers have left.*