
We gather in worship

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:
cleans 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:*

♪ **Word of God, renew your people,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**Word of hope and word of healing,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**Word of peace and word of justice,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**God alone the power we trust in,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**To the waters lead your people,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

Bernadette Farrell (b 1957)

✠ **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 deacon invites us to confess,

**My brothers and sisters, as we
prepare to celebrate the presence of
Christ in word and sacrament, let us
call to mind and confess our sins.**

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Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city. On our city, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division, jealousy and bitterness. On us, Christ have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner. Grant us peace. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Priest declares forgiveness.

♪ **Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!**
**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.**
**Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**
**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!**
**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;**
**You are seated at the right hand
of the Father: receive our prayer.**
**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!**
**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 Father.**
**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!**

*The priest invites us to pray in silence,
then says the prayer set for today,*

Divine love, undaunted by death and fear, who went to the depths to bring back life: in the power of the cross shape a people of service, breaking bread for a hungering world; through Jesus Christ, the true food.
Amen.

We listen for God's Word *we sit*

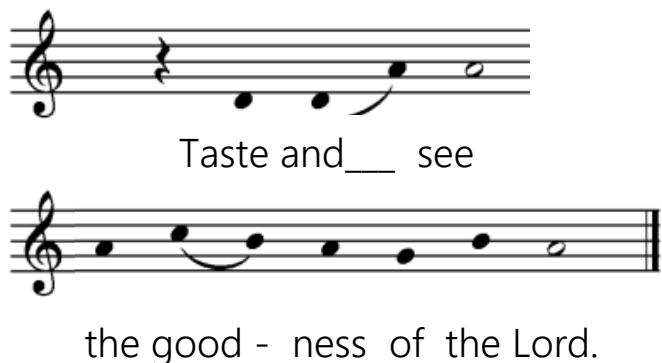
First Reading: Ephesians 5.15-20

Brothers and sisters, be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The cantor leads **Psalm 34** and we join in the refrain.*



♪ **Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

♪ **Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol God's name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

♪ **Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the afflicted man called out, the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

♪ **Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. Taste and see how good the Lord is; blessed the one who takes refuge in him.

♪ **Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Gospel Reading: John 6.51-58

We stand, facing the gospel.

♪ **Alleluia...**

Spirit of God, come fill our hearts. Message of truth, here among us, alleluia.

♪ **Alleluia...**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have

no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the **Sermon**, then we keep silence together.*

The Creed

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

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

The deacon says,

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

The Offering

We stand to sing as a collection is taken. Please indicate if you wish to make an offering, cash or contactless.

♪ **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.**

**High King of heaven,
thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys
after victory is won;
great heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be thou my vision,
O ruler of all.**

*Irish 4th century
tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)*

*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 might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna,
hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*The priest continues, then the Deacon
says, Great is the mystery of faith*

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

The priest continues...

...forever and ever.

♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

As our Saviour taught, so we pray:

**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.**

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.**

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

We share in Communion

*The people receive communion
or a blessing. Gluten free is available.*

♪ **Draw nigh and take
the body of our Lord
and drink the holy blood
for you outpoured.**

**Saved by that body
and that holy blood,
with souls refreshed,
we render thanks to God**

**Salvation's giver,
Christ the only Son,
by his dear cross
and blood the victory won.**

**Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the victim, and himself the priest.**

**Approach ye then
with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.**

John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

We keep silence together.

God of all mercy,
in this Eucharist you have set aside
our sins and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in
Christ may bring that healing to this
broken world, in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord.
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***

♪ **Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.**

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us
Yea, we can.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds
and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity!
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

The Blessing

*We bow our heads
and pray for God's blessing:*

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

*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.*