



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT ALL AGE MASS 12 MARCH 2023

President & Preacher: Fr Daniel Burton

A warm welcome to Mass today – it's good to have you with us!

THE GATHERING

Please STAND as the bell rings, to sing our first hymn:

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious the Ancient of
Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring
above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness
and love.

To all life thou givest - to both great and
small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the
tree,
And wither and perish - but nought
changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their
sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

✠ We gather for worship 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 President offers some words of welcome. The
deacon then says:*

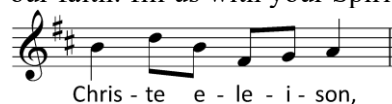
The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of
compassion, and acknowledge our
transgressions in penitence and faith.

Repeat each sung line after the Cantor:

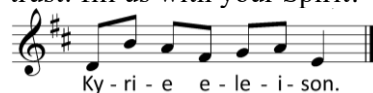
We confess to you our selfishness and lack of
love: fill us with your Spirit:



We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing
our faith: fill us with your Spirit:



We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of
trust: fill us with your Spirit:



The President pronounces God's Absolution:

May almighty God have mercy on you,
✠ forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.
Amen.

The Collect of the day is prayed:

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Remain STANDING to sing the Gospel Acclamation, repeating each line after the cantor:

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Praise to you O Christ, king of e - ter - nal Glo - ry.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am

he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

John 4:5-30; 39-42

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

The address follows. Then stand for:

My brothers and sisters, do you believe and trust in God the Father who made all things, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The prayers follow; please SIT or KNEEL. Between each bidding:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The prayers end:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please STAND

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The peace of the Lord be always with you:
And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Please do give to the retiring collection at the end of Mass,
as you leave church, using one of the Contactless
machines.

As the Altar is prepared, we sing:

**As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

***You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield:
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.***

**I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.**

**You're my Friend and you're my Brother
even though you are a king;
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.**

The President takes the bread and wine:

God of wisdom,
may the light of your eternal Word,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;
we ask this in his name.
Amen.

The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

And now we give you thanks
because he was tempted in every way as we are,
yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to
triumph over every evil, and to live no longer
for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us
and rose again:

Repeat each line after the Cantor:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles-sed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's \times body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

Great is the mystery of faith:

Repeat each line after the Cantor:

Christ has died,

Christ is ris'n,

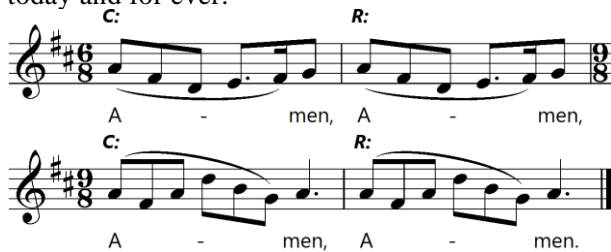
Christ will come a - gain.

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us

with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.



Silent prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so in faith and love we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,.....

The President breaks the blessed bread for all to share:

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.

We say Agnus Dei:

Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

The President invites all to receive Holy Communion:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Baptised persons who are communicant members of Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own church, may receive Holy Communion at this service. If you prefer to receive a blessing, keep your hands at your side and your head bowed...

When all have received Holy Communion:

God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SIT for the notices, then STAND for:

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

We sing the final hymn:

Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us,
his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

Come, then all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded,
honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken,
one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness,
comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our Lord most high;
Solace for the weary,
pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.

Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
Praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

The Deacon dismisses the people:

The Mass is ended; go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Please stay for refreshments after mass and sign the attendance register for a place at our church school!