



2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT ALL AGE MASS 19th November 2023

President: Fr David Fisher

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 and the
deacon then says:*

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven
is close at hand.’

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Repeat each sung line after the Cantor:

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:



You are loving to all and your mercy is over all
your creation:



Your faithful servants bless your name and speak
of the glory of your kingdom:



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:

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Cantor sings:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We repeat the alleluias.

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.

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and

trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 25:14-30

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.

Please STAND

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
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 the next hymn. Please gather around the altar at the front at the end of the hymn.

Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name;
When in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
Deliverance he affords to all
who on his succour trust.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
Make you his service your delight,
your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore. Amen.

The President takes the bread and wine:

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.
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 in Christ you have received us as your sons and daughters,
joined us in one fellowship with the saints,
and made us citizens of your kingdom.

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 α 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.

We all shout:

AMEN!

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 only say the word 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.

May Christ who makes saints of sinners, who has transformed those we remember today, raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world; and the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

We sing the final hymn:

**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, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my 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 vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

The Deacon dismisses the people:

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

Do sign the book if you need to register your attendance to support a school application!

Please do stay for refreshments at the back of church after mass.



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