

Holy Communion
10am Sunday 17th March 2024
5th Sunday of Lent



Welcome

All The hour has come to let go of the cares and worries of the week that has passed, and to set aside the hopes and expectations we have for the week to come. The hour has come to stop in the midst of the everyday, and to focus on this day and this moment, a time to consider life beyond ourselves. Let us give this hour back to God. Amen.

Hymn Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult

of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
saying, 'Christian, follow Me'

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian love Me more'

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still He calls, in cares and pleasures
Christian love Me more than these.

Jesus calls us by Thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear Thy call,
give our hearts to Thine obedience,
serve and love Thee best of all.

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God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All Father eternal, giver of life and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The collect for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ

delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Song The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases (chorus only)

His mercies never come to an end
They are new every morning
New every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness

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Song Faithful One, so unchanging.

Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace.
Lord of all I depend on You,
I call out to You again and again.
I call out to You again and again

*You are my Rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm
Your love is the anchor,
my hope is in You alone.*

*My hope is in You
My hope is in You
Our hope is in You alone*

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Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew: Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me. "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

**Song There is a redeemer, Jesus God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah Holy One.**

*Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain:

When I stand in glory I will see His face,
there I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

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Creed

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord

Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Song *Broken for me,
broken for you,
the Body of Jesus
broken for you.*

He offered His Body,
He poured out His Soul,
Jesus was broken
That we might be whole:

Come to My table
and with Me dine,
eat of My bread
and drink of My wine:

This is My Body
given for you,
eat it rememb'ring
I died for you:

This is My Blood
I shed for you,
for your forgiveness,
making you new:

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Eucharistic Prayer D

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

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

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it

and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All We do not presume to come to this your table. merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sister we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All Amen.

All 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 and Birthdays

Hymn Here Is Love, vast as the ocean,

loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of Life, our ransom
shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He will never be forgotten
throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
heav'n's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting
Love Thee ever all my days
Let me seek Thy kingdom only
And my life be to Thy praise
Thou alone shalt be my glory
Nothing in this world I see
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me
Thou Thyself hast set me free

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Blessing

**All May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring us by faith to his eternal life. Amen.**

**May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the
Father's will, keep us steadfast as we walk with him the way of his
cross. Amen.**

**May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may
share his glory, set our minds on life and peace. Amen.**

And may the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts
and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, and
the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be
among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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