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**Sung Eucharist**  
*for*  
**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

*'From ashes to the living font,  
the Church must journey, Lord'*

# Welcome!

## About this service...

The word Eucharist comes from the ancient Greek and means *Thanksgiving*. A 'Eucharist' follows a particular pattern of listening and responding to God's word and celebrating Holy Communion.

The entire order of service is contained here including the texts of the bible readings and in the second half of the service, we celebrate Holy Communion. If it is your custom to receive Communion, you are welcome to do so here. Please follow the direction of the Steward.

## KEEPING YOU SAFE!

*During this period of heightened alert in the fight against the Covid 19 pandemic, we must adhere to the Government guidelines concerning the safe use of places of worship.*

- *Please wear your mask at all times whilst inside the church building, removing it only briefly, after you have received communion in your hand, to consume it.*
- *Please maintain social distancing at all times and do not interact, whilst inside the church building, with anyone not in your household or social bubble.*
- *At the end of the service, the priest will not stand at the door to greet you – not because we are unfriendly! – but because it causes a queue to form making social distancing difficult and interaction with others likely!*
- *The service will be shorter today than it might be during 'normal times' and, at this time, we are not permitted to sing as a congregation. Please, therefore, allow the cantor to sing on our behalf throughout the service.*
- *At the end of the service, we ask you to remain in your seats until guided out by a steward.*

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# About the season of Lent...

Lent is the forty days and six Sundays before Easter Day, a time for self-examination and penitence, a time for deeper reflection to discover and remove the self-made barriers that keep us from God. It is a time to concentrate on fundamental values and priorities, and not a time for self-punishment.

Many people choose to mark the season of Lent by giving up some things and taking on others. Both serve to mark the season as a time of preparation. This is also why people try to engage more intentionally in study and learning about faith. For those who can, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and Fridays throughout Lent, may be appropriate days of fasting (eating and drinking more sparingly rather than not at all).

Throughout Lent, the liturgy takes on a simpler tone. The *Kyrie eleison* (Lord have mercy) is sung instead of the Gloria. The word *Alleluia* is not used in the words of the liturgy or hymns and there are no flowers displayed throughout the season in church. The colour of the vestments and hangings is purple, to reflect the spirit of penitence and renewal (except for Mothering Sunday (Lent 4) or *Laetare* Sunday when the colour is rose, to reflect a moment of refreshment in the desert journey).

At Easter, there is a joyful contrast when the Gloria is used and Alleluias abound. There is an explosion of colour in flowers and the purple is replaced with white and gold to symbolize great celebration and joy. If we keep a holy Lent, it makes the celebration of Easter all the more joyful.

## The Gathering

### GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all  
**and also with you.**



*The presiding priest welcomes everyone, and introduces the service*

## OPENING HYMN

*text: © Ruth Duck; © 1992, GIA Publications  
tune: 'Ellacombe' 18<sup>th</sup> century German from 'Mainz Gesangbuch', 1833*

As grain on scattered hillsides,  
when gathered, makes one bread,  
God, gather all your people  
as one in Christ our head.  
We come from many places  
and we are not the same,  
yet your strong love has called us  
to meet in Jesus' name.

A grain of wheat is fruitless  
until in earth it lies;  
then, dying to its old life,  
it bears and multiplies.  
So may we die to hatred,  
to all our hurtful ways,  
reborn to common living,  
to love, to work, to praise.

Like yeast that brings new ferment  
so lifeless dough may rise,  
your Spirit is the leaven  
of life that satisfies.  
As salt enhances flavour,  
enriches, and preserves,  
may earth rejoice to savour  
a Church that heals and serves.

O Christ, our risen Saviour;  
O Spirit, holy dove,  
come now and move among us;  
make us a sign of love.  
Come, knead and blend each texture  
with strong and gentle hands,  
that we may be one body,  
one loaf in many lands.



## COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.**

# The Liturgy of Penitence

## INTRODUCTION TO CONFESSION

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.

## CONFESSION

music: Russian Orthodox

*Presider:* We confess to you the times of our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.

*Cantor (v1):*

1. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2. Chris te e - lei - son. Chris te e - lei - son.  
3. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

The musical notation consists of a vocal line with three parts and a basso continuo line. The vocal line is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The basso continuo line is in the same key and time. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.  
Chris te e - le - - - i - son.  
Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

The musical notation continues from the previous block, with the same vocal and basso continuo lines. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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

*Cantor:* **Christe eleison...**

*Presider:* We confess to you the times of our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.

*Cantor:* **Kyrie eleison...**

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## COLLECT

*The congregation spends a moment in silent prayer;  
the Presiding Priest then leads the congregation in the prayer of the day.*

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 31.31-34*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD,  
when I will make a new covenant  
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.  
It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—  
a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,  
says the LORD.

But this is the covenant  
that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,  
says the LORD:

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;  
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,  
'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD;  
for I will forgive their iniquity,  
and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

music: © 1986, Bernadette Farrell

*Sung by the cantor*



Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life;  
Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**verse:** You are the Word who calls us to be servants;  
you are the Word whose only law is love;  
you are the Word made flesh who lives among us:  
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Refrain:** Praise to you...

## THE GOSPEL

*John 12.20-33*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.  
They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee,  
and said to him,  
'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'



Philip went and told Andrew;  
then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.  
Jesus answered them,  
'The hour has come for the Son of Man  
to be glorified.  
Very truly, I tell you,  
unless a grain of wheat  
falls into the earth and dies,  
it remains just a single grain;  
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.'



Those who love their life lose it,  
and those who hate their life in this world  
will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,  
and where I am, there will my servant be also.  
Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—  
“Father, save me from this hour”?  
No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.  
Father, glorify your name.’

Then a voice came from heaven,  
‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder.  
Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’

Jesus answered,  
‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.  
Now is the judgement of this world;  
now the ruler 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 indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*followed by a moment of silence for reflection.*



## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Apostles' Creed)*

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

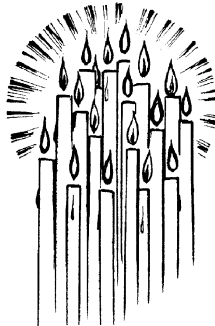
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*We are led in prayer for the world, for its people, for those in need, for our communities, for the Church...*



# *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

Jesus said, 'My peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

We meet in Christ's name.

**Let us share his peace.**

*We offer a sign of peace to those around us and/or  
pray for peace to those who are joined with us in online worship.*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*text: Richard Gillard (b 1953)*

*tune: 'Servant Song' Betty Pulkingham (1928-2019)*

Brother, Sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, Sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

## PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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.**

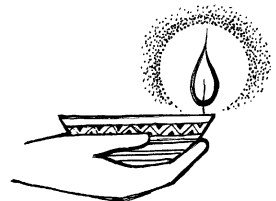
It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:



## SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS

music: *Russian Orthodox*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:



Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.



When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free;  
you are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mary Magdalene, Martin and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom  
and teach us to 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.**

# BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



# AGNUS DEI

music: Russian Orthodox

A musical score for the Agnus Dei, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Jesus, lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mer - cy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace." The score is divided into sections for "Cantor" and "All".

Cantor All Cantor

Jesus, lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins,

All Cantor All

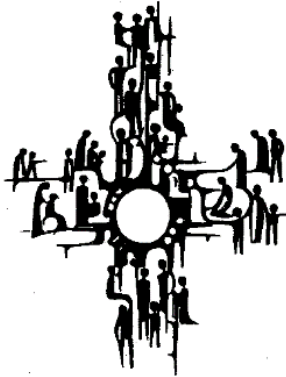
have mer - cy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

## INVITATION TO 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 I shall be healed.**

## WORDS OF ADMINISTRATION

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven,  
keep you in eternal life.  
Amen.



## ***COMMUNION for those present in church***

*Please come forward to the front of the Nave for Communion wearing your mask and maintaining social distancing.*

*(If you would rather receive a Communion blessing,  
please come forward with your hands clasped.)*



## COMMUNION MUSIC

## *Unless a grain of wheat*

text (from John 12) and music: ©1986 Bernadette Farrell

*Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
it remains but a single grain, with no life.*

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm we shall reign with him. *Refrain*

If any one serves me then they must follow me;  
wherever I am my servants will be. *Refrain*

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;  
those who remain in me bear much fruit. *Refrain*

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;  
Peace which the world cannot give is my gift. *Refrain*



## *Thanksgiving and Sending Out*

### SENTENCE

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.  
**Whose mercy endures for ever.**

Let us pray.

## **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
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.  
Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

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



## FINAL HYMN

*text: Irish 8<sup>th</sup> century translated Mary Byrne (1880-1931) and versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*  
*music: 'Slane', Irish traditional melody harmonised by Erik Routley (1917-1982)*

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.

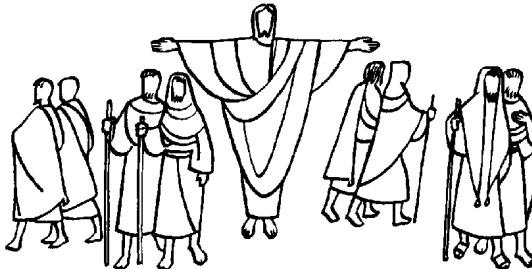
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

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.

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.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



*Thank you for joining us this morning for our worship.*

*Our Lent meditations with Bishop Bob Gillies  
(retired Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney)  
conclude this Tuesday at 7.30pm.*