

Eucharist
(livestreamed)
for
Diocesan Synod



Saturday March 13th 2021
8.30am

St Mary's Cathedral

Palmerston Place, Edinburgh

Welcome to St Mary's Cathedral

Although we cannot gather together in person for this Synod Eucharist, we continue to come together as Christ's body: reflecting on scripture, praying for our world, and breaking the bread. As part of today's service, the celebrant and deacon will share bread and wine as Christ's body and blood given for the life of all. They do so on behalf of us all.

We invite you as you follow the service to join in the words in bold.

We gather

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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.**

Confession & Absolution

In this season of Lent, we are invited to encounter Christ anew
on the way of the cross.

Here we are tested;
here we are drawn deeper into God's forgiving love.

In the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**O God, you have searched us out and known us,
and all that we are is open to you.**

We confess that we have sinned:

**We have used our power to dominate
and our weakness to manipulate.**

**We have evaded responsibility
and failed to confront evil.**

**We have denied dignity
to ourselves and to each other
and fallen into despair.**

**We turn to you, O God;
we renounce evil;
we claim your love;
we long to be made whole.**

Prayer of confession by Janet Morley (adapted)

Silence

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

Collect for Lent 3

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves.
When we are discouraged by our weakness,
strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Synod

Almighty and everlasting God,
from whom comes all wisdom and understanding:
be present, we pray this day with those of us assembled in synod;
send your Holy Spirit to guide our hearts and minds.
May all our decisions be for your glory
and for the well-being of your people.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, your Son our Saviour.
Amen.

We listen for God's Word

Old Testament Reading Hosea 5.13-6.6

When Ephraim saw his sickness,
and Judah his wound,
then Ephraim went to Assyria,
and sent to the great king.
But he is not able to cure you
or heal your wound.
For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,
and like a young lion to the house of Judah.
I myself will tear and go away;
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.
I will return again to my place

until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favour:
'Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.'
What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgement goes forth as the light.
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51.1-18

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offences.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

**The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Be favourable and gracious to Zion,
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

**Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
with burnt offerings and oblations;
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.**

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Gospel Luke 18.9-14

When it is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

At the end:

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Homily The Bishop

We respond in faith and prayer

Intercessions

*Prayer is offered for the world and all its people,
particularly for those who suffer and those in need,
and for the Church and its calling.*

Peace

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

Hymn Just as I am

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
Here for a season then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

We Celebrate Communion

Prayers of Offering

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made:
it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands;
it will become the cup of our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

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 God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you,
maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,
brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.
In Christ your Son, enemies are reconciled,
debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters
in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf our sins had made.

Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,
freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters,
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, 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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, redeemer of the world: **give us your peace.**

Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Amen.

Communion is shared with the words:

The Body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

We give thanks and are sent out

Sentence

Give thanks to our gracious God,
whose mercy endures for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God, our Father

**you call us by your Spirit to grow together in your Son;
make us one in heart and mind,
generous in giving, faithful in serving,
and bold in proclaiming the hope of a world made new;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Let us proceed in peace

In the name of Christ.

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