

**The Edinburgh Diocesan
Synod Meeting
Saturday 25th February 2023
Eucharist**



PREPARATION

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.

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all Your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Confession and Absolution (Deacon)

God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love. we love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive you (+) and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect for the day

Eternal God, turn our hearts to you. By seeking your Kingdom and loving one another, may we become a people who worship you in spirit and truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Lent

Almighty God, you hate nothing that you have made, and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create in us a clean and contrite heart; that, in lamenting our sinfulness, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, forgiveness and perfect peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(sit)

Reading: Deuteronomy 26:16-19

16 This very day the Lord your God is commanding you to observe these statutes and ordinances; so observe them diligently with all your heart and with all your soul. 17 Today you have obtained the Lord's agreement: to be your God; and for you to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commandments, and his ordinances, and to obey him. 18 Today the Lord has obtained your agreement: to be his treasured people, as he promised you, and to keep his commandments; 19 for him to set you high above all nations that he has made, in praise and in fame and in honour; and for you to be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised.

Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

(Deacon)

When it is announced: **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

43 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are

you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

At end: Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Intercessions

Peace

We meet in Christ's name. **Let us share his peace.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Prayer of Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 his 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.**

The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

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

Lord's Prayer (Deacon)

As our Saviour 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 into 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.**

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT (stand)

Give thanks to our gracious God, **whose mercy endures forever.**

Post Communion Prayer

God, 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.



Coffee follows the Eucharist

At the beginning of the Synod

Hymn

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!**

Collect for a 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.**

The Bishop convenes the Diocesan Synod of the 25th February 2023

At the close of the Synod

The Bishop confirms the acts of Synod

Blessing

May the Spirit of God be in you, wisdom and understanding keep you, the power of God encircle you, God's truth lead you into freedom; and the blessing of God, almighty, (+) the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses Synod

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.