

**The Edinburgh Diocesan  
Synod Meeting  
Thursday 26th October 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.**

**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 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD (sit)**

### **Reading: Romans 6:19-23**

<sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 (Deacon)**

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

<sup>49</sup> 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Intercessions: Amanda Wright**

## **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 our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times.

All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth: you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation redeemed by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose gathered in prayer to discern your will for this Diocese; we 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 the gift of your Son born in human flesh He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. 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 your 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.**

## ***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**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
**have mercy on us.**

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**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
**grant us peace.**

## **THANKSGIVING AND CONVENING OF THE SYNOD**

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Loving God, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop convenes the Diocesan Synod of the 26th October 2023*

Let us proceed in peace.

**Thanks be to God**

## **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.**