

**The Edinburgh Diocesan
Synod Meeting
Thursday 24th October 2024
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: Ephesians 3:14-21

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Mark 10.35-45 (Deacon)

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

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' ³⁷And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with?' ³⁹They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognise as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and

whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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, 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 us 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 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

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

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

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

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

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

The Bishop convenes the Diocesan Synod of the 27th October 2022

Let us proceed in peace;
In the name of Christ. Amen.



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.