

**The Edinburgh Diocesan
Synod Meeting
Saturday 14th March 2026
Eucharist**



PREPARATION

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator 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 of the day

Merciful Father, we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: when we are discouraged by our weakness, give us strength to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **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

Reading: Hosea 6:1-6 (*we sit*)

‘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.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 (Deacon) (*we stand*)

*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 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 (*we stand*)

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, 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 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 forever. Amen.

Communion Song

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

This being a Diocesan event, wine will be offered from the Common Cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine in this way, please do not dip your bread into the chalice, simply receive in one kind and return to your seat. You should not feel obliged to receive from the Common Cup. It is acceptable to receive in one kind only.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT *(we stand)*

Sentence

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. Amen.



Coffee follows the Eucharist

At the beginning of the Synod

♪ 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 14 March 2026.

At the close of the Synod

The Bishop confirms the acts of the Diocesan 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.

