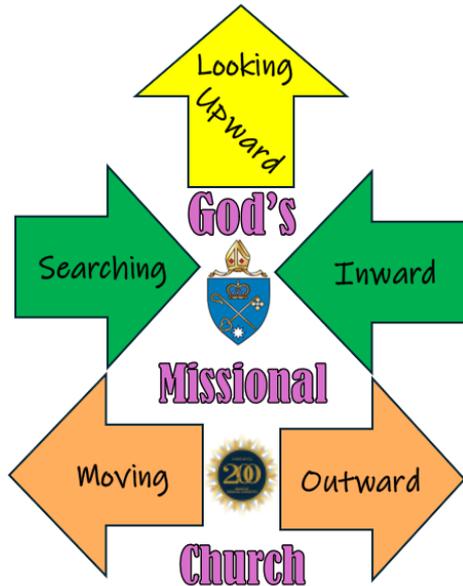


Diocese of Barbados



DIOCESAN SERVICE TO MARK THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANNUAL SYNOD 2025



THEME:

God's Missional Church:

Looking Upward!

Searching Inward!

Moving Outward!



A CELEBRATION

of

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

and

THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

on

Sunday, June 8, 2025
THE DAY OF PENTECOST

5.00 p.m.

in

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
Bridgetown

CELEBRANT:

THE RIGHT REVEREND MICHAEL B. ST. J. MAXWELL
Bishop of Barbados

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Crucifer & Torchbearers
Choir

A Server
Seminarians
Barbados Christian Council & Visiting Clergy

A Server
Diocesan Trustees
Lay Synod Representatives
Diocesan Secretary

A Server
Diocesan Clergy
Canons Emeriti
Archdeacon Emeritus
Deans Emeriti

A Server
Cathedral Clergy
Honorary Canons
Rural Deans
Principal of Codrington College

A Server
The Registrar
The Chancellor
The Gospeller
Bishops Emeriti

Chapter Crucifer
The Cathedral Chapter
The Dean's Verger
The Dean

A Server
The Bishop's Chaplain
The Bishop

ORDER OF SERVICE

4:45 – 5:00 p.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE

4:55 p.m.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF BARBADOS

The Congregation stands at the arrival of the President

OPENING PRAYER

VOLUNTARY INTROIT

WELCOME

The Dean

OPENING HYMN: 292 - Praise the Spirit in creation

Praise the Spirit in creation,
breath of God, life's origin:
Spirit, moving on the waters,
quickenings worlds to life within,
source of breath to all things breathing,
life in whom all lives begin.

Praise the Spirit, close companion
of our inmost thoughts and ways;
who, in showing us God's wonders,
is himself the power to gaze;
and God's will, to those who listen,
by a still small voice conveys.

Praise the Spirit, who enlightened
priests and prophets with the word;
his the truth behind the wisdoms
which as yet know not our Lord;
by whose love and power, in Jesus
God himself was seen and heard.

Tell of how the ascended Jesus
armed a people for his own;
how a hundred men and women
turned the known world upside down,
to its dark and furthest corners
by the wind of heaven blown.

Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,
on our lives descend in might;
let your flame break out within us,
fire our hearts and clear our sight,
till, white-hot in your possession,
we, too, set the world alight.

Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit,
praise the Father, praise the Word,
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,
Trinity in deep accord:
through your voice which speaks within us
we, your creatures, call you Lord.

OPENING SENTENCE (PENTECOST)

CELEBRANT:

When the Spirit comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses because you have been with me from the beginning.

John 15: 26, 27

THE INVOCATION

CELEBRANT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

And blessed by His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF INTENT

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on
earth. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your
glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy
One; you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECTS

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Synod

CELEBRANT:

Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us forever: Bless, we pray, with His grace and presence, the bishop(s) and other clergy and the laity here assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfil all the mind of Him who loved it and gave Himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

CELEBRANT:

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promise gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Holy Sacraments, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 6:1-8

Mr. Michael Watson, Synod Representative, St. Peter Parish Church

READER: A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Isaiah, the sixth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM APPOINTED: 122

1. I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the LORD.
2. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
3. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.
4. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD.
5. For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David.

6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.
7. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.
8. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity.
9. Yea, because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do thee good.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: REVELATION 2:1-17A

Mrs. Corlis Weekes-Grazette, Synod Representative, The Church of St Bartholomew

READER: A reading from the Word of God written in the Revelation to John, the second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

‘To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands: ‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

‘And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life: ‘I know your

affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.

‘And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword: ‘I know where you are living, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling-block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practise fornication. So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 416 - I, the Lord of sea and sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied,
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

The Reverend E. Brian Thompson, Priest-in-Charge, The Church of St Matthias

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

GOSPELLER: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter, beginning at the nineteenth verse.

ALL: **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the

Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

THE BISHOP’S CHARGE

The Right Reverend Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

SIGNING SELECTION

“Goodness to God” (CeCe Winans)

by The Signing Ministry of Christ Church Parish Church

THE NICENE CREED

The Congregation stands for the confession of the Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in fulfilment of
the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The response to the prayers, which shall be sung, will be “that the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.” The prayers will be led by the following persons after the opening bidding by the Celebrant:

Ms Jennivere Clarke, Synod Representative, The Church of Holy Innocents

Mr Terrence Inniss, Synod Representative, The Church of St Catherine

Ms. Julia Whittaker, Synod Representative, The Church of St Mary

Mr Kemar Cumberbatch, Synod Representative, The Parish Church of St Joseph with St Aidan

CELEBRANT:

Our Heavenly Father has promised through our Lord Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore for the Church and the World, and let us thank God for His goodness, that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Let us pray for all Creation:

Almighty God, Creator of all things, we praise you for the wonders of your creation giving life and vitality to all creatures. May all people embrace their role as stewards by seeking ever to sustain, renew and regenerate your creation in every generation.

ALL: That the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

Let us pray for the Christian Church throughout the world:

Lord of the Church, we acknowledge your prevailing presence and guidance in your church in every age, even the darkest times. As we observe the 1700th anniversary of our first Ecumenical Council through which we have prayed one Creed, move us to strengthen our fellowship between denominations, and grow more and more into the likeness of the relationship for which you prayed; that we may be one as you and the Father are one.

ALL: That the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

Let us pray for our Diocese:

Ever Merciful God, we give you thanks for our diocese as we conclude our observance of the 200th anniversary of its existence. We are ever conscious that our diocese was founded in the throes of slavery in which she would have at times been complicit, even if only through silence; but we are also grateful that from its convoluted past, it has emerged as an institution led by the descendants of slaves. Make us ever mindful of the obligation laid upon us to ensure that our diocese is an agent of transformation for the people of this land.

ALL: That the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

Let us pray for our Annual Synod:

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in our Synod 2025 for the renewal and mission of your Church. Pour out anew your Spirit upon them that, in all things, they will look upward to

you, search inward for discernment and move outward as your missional church to serve this nation for such a time as this.

ALL: That the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

Let us pray for the peace and welfare of our land:

Ever-loving God, pour out your Spirit upon this your church that we may move through this land as an agent of transformation and restoration. By our witness may hatred be turned into love, despair to hope, and weapons be discarded for tools of agriculture and productivity; and no more will we hurt or destroy in this our land.

ALL: That the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

Let us pray for our nation of Barbados:

Liberating God, we thank you for this our land, Barbados. As we observe the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first settlers of the modern era, we recall with anguish and regret the harrowing and horrific events that ensued, but we also give thanks for the freedom and development we have accomplished as descendants of planters and descendants of slaves laboring alongside each other. We pray for your guidance in our time that we may continue to shape our space for the common good.

ALL: That the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

Let us pray for good governance:

O Lord our Governor, bless and inspire all who are called to be leaders in our world and especially in our land. Guide them that they may conduct their affairs with righteousness and godliness for the benefit of the people they are called to serve.

ALL: That the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

Let us pray for our communities:

God of peace and love, we bring before you every parish and every village in our land. We pray that respect and neighbourly love may

exist within them. Guide us all that we may embrace the divine responsibility given us of old to be each other's keeper; and holding fast to this truth, transform our nation into a haven of peace and love.

ALL: That the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

Let us pray for our schools and places of learning:

God of Wisdom, we ask your blessing on all places of education and learning that instruction may always be grounded in you. Grant patience to those who teach and the attentive ear to those who learn that we may develop productive citizens for our world and your kingdom.

ALL: That the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

Let us pray for homes and families:

Heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, bless the families and homes of our nation. Drive out the spirit of enmity and strife and cause the hearts of all the inhabitants to be filled with the gift of your Holy Spirit and make their homes places of peace, love, and concord.

ALL: That the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

CELEBRANT:

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

CELEBRANT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CELEBRANT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL:

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

CELEBRANT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE [FORM C]

CELEBRANT: The Kingdom of God is justice, peace and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL: They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

THE PEACE SONG: 843 - For I'm building a people of power

For I'm building a people of power
and I'm making a people of praise,
that will move through this land by my Spirit,
and will glorify my precious name.

Refrain (sung twice):

Build your church, Lord,
make us strong, Lord,
join our hearts, Lord, through your Son;
make us one, Lord, in your body,
in the kingdom of your Son.

LITURGICAL DANCE

“Holy Forever” (CeCe Winans)

by The “Awesome Praise” Dancers of St Patrick’s Church

THE NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMNS FOR THE OFFERTORY: 513, 365

HYMN: 513 - Come, all Christians, be committed

Come, all Christians, be committed
to the service of the Lord.
Make your lives for him more fitted;
tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into his courts with gladness;
each his sacred vows renew.
Turn away from sin and sadness;
be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give him –
they are gifts from God above
to be used by Christians freely
to proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Saviour;
tithes and offerings with you bring,

In your work with him find favour,
and with joy his praises sing.

God's command to love each other
is required of everyone.
Showing mercy to each other
mirrors his redeeming Son.
In compassion he has given
of his love that is divine.
On the cross sins were forgiven;
joy and peace are fully thine.

Come in praise and adoration,
all who on Christ's name believe.
Worship him with consecration;
grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory,
for the Spirit and the word;
and repeat the gospel story
till the world his name has heard.

HYMN: 365 - Come to us, creative Spirit

Come to us, creative Spirit,
in our Father's house,
every human talent hallow,
hidden skills arouse,
that, within your earthly temple,
wise and simple
may rejoice.

Poet, painter, music-maker,
all your treasures bring;
craftsman, actor, graceful dancer,
make your offering;
join your hands in celebration!
Let creation
shout and sing!

Word from God Eternal springing,
fill our minds, we pray,
and in all artistic vision
give integrity:
may the flame within us burning
kindle yearning
day by day.

In all places and forever,
glory be expressed
to the Son, with God the Father,
and the Spirit blest:
in our worship and our living
keep us striving
for the best.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER [FORM "E"]

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfilment of His true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from Heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL:

**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.**

CELEBRANT:

Sovereign Lord and Father,
To you be glory and praise for ever.
In your boundless wisdom
you brought creation into being;
In your great love
you fashioned us in your image;
In your tender compassion
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
to share our human nature;
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
He overcome the power of sin and death
and brought your people to new birth
as fruit of your new creation.

On the night that He was betrayed
He took bread,
and when He had given thanks to you,

He broke it and gave it to his disciples
and said: "Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you,
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper
He took the cup of wine:
and when He had given thanks,
He gave it to them and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this of the remembrance of me."

CELEBRANT:

Therefore, Father, according to the command
of your dearly beloved Son,

ALL:

**We remember His death
We proclaim His resurrection
We await His coming in glory.**

CELEBRANT:

And we offer you, Father,
our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of
bread and wine that they may become
the Body and Blood of your Son,
Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer.
As we partake of this holy food of new
and unending life, may your Holy Spirit
establish us as a royal priesthood
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St.
and all your sons and daughters who share
in your eternal inheritance;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With Him and in Him and through Him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father Almighty,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**ALL: Blessing and honour and glory and power
 be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRANT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CELEBRANT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in
one bread.**

THE AGNUS DEI

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

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

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

THE COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

CELEBRANT: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**ALL: Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we
will sing glad songs of praise to Him.**

CHOIR SELECTION

“If ye love me keep my commandments” (*T. Tallis*)
*by The Choir of the Cathedral Church of St Michael and All
Angels*

HYMNS FOR COMMUNION: 621, 616, 461, 315

HYMN: 621 - Take our bread, we ask you

Refrain:

Take our bread, we ask you, take our hearts, we love you;
take our lives, O Father, we are yours, we are yours.

Yours as we stand at the table you set;
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.

We are the sign of your life with us yet;

We are yours, we are yours.

Refrain

Your holy people standing washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled yet hungry we await your food.

We are poor, but we've brought ourselves, the best we could;
we are yours, we are yours.

Refrain

HYMN: 616 - O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all Thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done:"
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace;
thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the church which still that faith doth keep:
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

HYMN: 461 - There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Refrain:

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain:

Refrain

When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

Refrain

HYMN: 315 - Great God, your love has called us here

Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name,
and then receive us as your own,

not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat,
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.

Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.

Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do,
while love is making all things new.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ALL:

**Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body live his risen life;
we who drink His cup bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EPISCOPAL BLESSING

CELEBRANT: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

ALL: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

CELEBRANT: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

ALL: **From this time forth and for evermore.**

CELEBRANT: The spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the word and works of God; and
the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always.

ALL: **Amen.**

HYMNS FOR THE RECESSION: 332, 342

HYMN: 332 - Lord, you give the great commission

Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to Your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to Your service:
'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure:
 'Father, what they do, forgive.'
 Yet we hoard as private treasure
 all that you so freely give.
 May your care and mercy lead us
 to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 'I am with you to the end.'
 Faith and hope and love restoring,
 may we serve as you intend,
 and, amid the cares that claim us,
 hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

HYMN: 342 - Revive thy work, O Lord

Revive thy work, O Lord, thy mighty arm make bare;
 speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
 and make thy people hear.

Revive thy work, O Lord, disturb this sleep of death;
 quicken the smoldering embers now
 by thine almighty breath.

Revive thy work, O Lord, create soul-thirst for thee;
 and hungering for the Bread of Life
 oh may our spirits be.

Revive thy work, O Lord, exalt thy precious name;
 and, by the Holy Ghost, our love
 for thee and thine inflame.

Revive thy work, O Lord, give Pentecostal showers;
 the glory shall be all Thine own,
 the blessing, Lord, be ours!

THE DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CELEBRANT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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