

THE GATHERING

We begin with a time of silent prayer

The Collect

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:12-end

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so
far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night,
but find no rest.**

Yet you are holy, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
**In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered
them.**

To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were
not put to shame.

**But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and
despised by the people.**

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me; they
shake their heads;
**“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver; let him
rescue the one in whom he delights!”**

Yet it was you that took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Psalm 22:1-11

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16 and 5:7-9

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Passion Reading

Please stand if you are able

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made and silence is kept

Prayers of Intercession

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father

for people everywhere according to their needs.

One Intercessor (Int) continues with these biddings, with the President (Pre) saying the Collect at the end of each section

Int. Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world: for unity in faith, in witness and in service, for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve, for *N and N*, our bishops, and the people of this diocese,

for all Christians in this place, for those to be baptized,
for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith,
that God will confirm his Church in faith,
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Pre: Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Int: Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:
for Elizabeth our Queen
and the Parliaments of this land,
for those who administer the law and all who serve in public
office,
for all who strive for justice and reconciliation,
that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Pre: Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace, turn our hearts and the hearts of all to
yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on
justice may be established throughout the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Int: Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews,
the first to hear his word: for greater understanding between
Christian and Jew,
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart,
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant and to
grow in the love of his name.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Pre: Lord God of Abraham,
bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian;
take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart,
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,
when the Gentiles shall be gathered in,
all Israel shall be saved,
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace
under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Int: Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of
Christ: for those who have not heard the message of salvation,
for all who have lost faith,
for the contemptuous and scornful,
for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who
follow him, for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified,
that God will open their hearts to the truth
and lead them to faith and obedience.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Pre: Merciful God,
creator of all the people of the earth,
have compassion on all who do not know you,
and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power,
gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd;
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Int: Let us pray for all those who suffer:
for those who are deprived and oppressed,
for all who are sick, for those in darkness, in doubt and in
despair, in loneliness and in fear, for prisoners, captives and
refugees, for the victims of false accusations and violence,
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them,
that God in his mercy will sustain them
with the knowledge of his love.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Pre: Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer:

hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble, and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Int: Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, we may come to the fullness of eternal life and the joy of the resurrection.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Pre: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence carry out the work of our salvation: and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up and things which had grown old are being made new and that all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

We listen to a Hymn

**My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?**

**He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet all his deeds
their hatred feeds; they 'gainst him rise.**

**They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord sent away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet willing he to suff'ring goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.**

*The Priest takes the Lady Chapel cross and holds it up. They say
three times*

This is the wood of the cross
on which hung the Saviour of the world
Come let us adore him

*As we cannot physically venerate the cross, the Priest leads us in
a reflection. When that concludes, we pray*

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood
you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and
nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests
serving our God
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the
world.**

To him who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us a kingdom of priests
to stand and serve before our God;
**to him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honour, glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*We listen to a **Hymn**. The Reserved Sacrament is placed on the altar*

**When I survey the wondrous cross
where the young Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

The Lord's Prayer

Kneeling at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The priest takes the consecrated bread:

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**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 priest invites the people to prepare for their Spiritual
Communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The Priest receives communion on behalf of the people
We then make our*

Act of Spiritual Communion

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

**Almighty and eternal God,
you have restored us to life by the triumphant death
and resurrection of Christ.**

Continue this healing work within us.

**May we who participate in this mystery never cease to serve
you.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*We listen to our final **HYMN***

**There is a green hill far away,
without a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell,
what pains he had to bear;
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.**

**He died that we might be forgiv'n,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heav'n,
saved by his precious blood.**

**There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin;
he only could unlock the gate
of heav'n, and let us in.**

**O dearly, dearly has he loved,
and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.**

The Conclusion

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
set your passion, cross and death between your judgement and
our souls now and in the hour of our death.
Grant mercy and grace to the living, rest to the departed,
to your Church peace and concord and to us sinners forgiveness,
and everlasting life and glory; for, with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, you are alive and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The service ends in silence.