

EUCHARIST and SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

5th Sunday of Lent

Passiontide begins

21 March 2021

GREETING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

CONFESSION

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins
in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 5

We confess to you
our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you
our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you
our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God, who sent his Son
into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:

lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

READING Hebrews 5.5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’;

as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears,

to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

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GOSPEL READING John 12.20-33

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself

and became obedient unto death,

even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him

and given him the name

that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

And at the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

cf Ephesians 3

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to the Lord.

At the end this response may be included:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

or the sake of your Son,

our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

cf Ephesians 2.13

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of our journey,
as we walk with you
on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way
and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The priest takes the bread and the wine.

Pray that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of his holy Church.**

EUCCHARIST

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for the all the benefits you have given me,
for 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
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly and follow you
more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

**Lord, in these days of mercy,
make us quiet and prayerful;
in these days of challenge,
make us stronger in you;
in these days of emptiness,
take possession of us;
in these days of waiting,
open our hearts to the mystery of your cross.
Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us that what we do
for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:

give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

HYMN

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BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Stay with us for
coffee, tea, and chat.*

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