



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: Tune, Bangor

1. **From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord,
Baptised in grace, in grace renewed
By your most holy word.**
2. **Through fasting, prayer, and charity,
Your voice speaks deep within,
Returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.**
3. **For thirsting hearts let waters flow
our fainting souls revive;
and at the well your waters give
our everlasting life.**
4. **From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey still,
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy,
in Spirit-fire fulfilled.**

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The priest greets and welcomes the people

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Sentence

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.'

Exodus 20.1

Please kneel or be seated

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us then ask for mercy,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

The Litany is said.

God the Father, **have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God, **have mercy on us.**

From all evil and mischief;
from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred and malice;
and from all evil intent,

good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt of your word and your laws,

good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind;
from deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;
in the hour of our death and at the day of judgement,

good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your birth, childhood and obedience;
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work;
by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom,

good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial,

good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection;
by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

good Lord, deliver us.

**Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.**

The Kyries (if sung each is sung 3 times)

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Holy God,
the folly of the cross mocks our human wisdom,
and the weakness of the crucified puts worldly power to shame.

Banish from our hearts
every pretence of might and of knowledge,
that by the power flowing from Christ's resurrection
your people may be raised up from the death of sin
and fashioned into a living temple of your glory.

Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
holy and mighty God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Book Exodus [20. 1-17]

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of
anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or
that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them
or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing
children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth
generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the
thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my
commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 19. 7-14

Plain = Lectern (Left) side

Italics = Pulpit (right) side

Bold = All

**The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true,
and makes wise the simple.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
and rejoice the heart:

*the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.*

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:

*the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.*

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold:

*sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.*

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.

*Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
cleanse me from my secret faults.*

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [1. 18-25]

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Tune, All Saints (AHB 338) or Irby (AHB 237/TiS 312)

- 1. God our Father and creator,
over all the earth you reign;
God of cities, nations, planets,
whom the heavens cannot contain:
Come among your children here,
make of us a house of prayer.**
- 2. Christ, whose undefended body
human hands destroyed and killed;
three days buried, till the moment
God had chosen to rebuild:
Raise your people from the dead,
we your body, you our Head.**

3. **Holy Spirit, wind of heaven,
breaking earthly barriers down,
pouring out your gifts and graces -
life the seed, and love the crown:
Fill us all, till all become
your pure temple, your true home.**
4. **Living Lord of past and future,
now through us your word fulfil;
changing scenes and times of crisis
prove that you are with us still.
From one church, all praises be,
praise to you, one Trinity!**

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [2. 13-22]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Silence for Reflection

The Nicene Creed is said, all standing.

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and 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, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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 PEOPLE

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith receive the prayers we offer.

God of hope, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to 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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: AHB 86 / TiS 127. Tune, Grosser Gott.

1. **Holy God, we praise your name,
Lord of all, we bow before you;
all on earth your power proclaim,
all in heaven above adore you;
boundless is your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.**
2. **Hear the loud celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
'Holy, holy, holy, Lord!'**
3. **Holy Father, holy Son,
holy Spirit, three we name you,
while in essence only one,
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring bend the knee,
while we own the mystery.**
4. **King of glory, God's own Son,
humbly our poor nature sharing,
now to save us you have come,
all our sin and sorrow bearing;
you have brought us saving grace,
freed from guilt our sinful race.**
5. **Spare your people, Lord, we pray,
by a thousand snares surrounded;
keep us free from sin today,
never let us be confounded:
grant us with your saints a place;
all our trust is in your grace.**

Anon. German, ?18th cent., from Te Deum Laudamus
tr. composite based on Clarence Alphonsus Walworth 1820-1900

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty, our joy and our salvation,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your
presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds

we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing/saying:

**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.**

Holy and gracious God, all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness, comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom you sent to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

Hear us, merciful Lord; through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise;
and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit,
sanctify this bread and wine,
that we who share in this holy sacrament
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood. ✕

Who, when his hour had come,
on the night before he went up to the cross
to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world,
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself,

took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
‘Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.’ ✠

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,
‘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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ ✠

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Therefore, in obedience to his command,
we commemorate and celebrate his saving passion and death,
his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven
and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone
you have accepted us in Christ;
and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice,
holy and acceptable in your sight.

Through Christ, receive this our duty and service,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may, by your Holy Spirit, be one body in Christ,
and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy, bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom
with all the company of the redeemed.
May we praise you in union with them,
and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The bread is broken

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let us pray

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

After all have Communicated—tune, Grafton, AHB 343 (i).

1. Here proclaim the glorious mystery
of the body and the blood;
formed within the womb, made human,
he the earth's transcendent Lord;
offered for the world's redemption,
promise of eternal good.
4. Therefore we, with deepest reverence,
celebrate this sacrament;
finding all the ancient scriptures
sealed in his new covenant;
what the senses fail to fathom,
faith receives as nourishment.
5. Praise and worship to the Father,
power and blessing to the Son,
honour to the Holy Spirit,
glory to the Three in One;
let the Church proclaim for ever
what eternal Love has done.

St Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274)
translated by Alan Gaunt (b. 1935)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Father of all we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

Notices

Concluding Hymn: AHB 552 / TiS 619. Tune, Carlisle or Sandys.

- 1. Have faith in God, my heart,
trust and be unafraid;
God will fulfil in every part
each promise he has made.**
- 2. Have faith in God, my mind,
though oft your light burns low;
God's mercy holds a wiser plan
than you can fully know.**
- 3. Have faith in God, my soul,
his cross for ever stands;
and neither life nor death can pluck
his children from his hands.**
- 4. Lord Jesus, make me whole;
grant me no resting place
until I rest, heart, mind and soul,
the captive of your grace.**

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The Blessing

Christ give you strength to overcome all temptation,
to deny yourself, and to take up your cross and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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