

THE GATHERING

Hymn – Hail the Day

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**
President Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Words of welcome

Prayer of Preparation

All 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.

Prayers of Penitence

President Seeing we have a great high priest
who has passed into the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God,
let us draw near with a true heart,
in full assurance of faith, and make our
confession to our heavenly Father.
All **Most merciful God,**
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart. We have not loved
our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

Absolution

President Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect

President Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings

Zephan reads today's first lesson

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
(Acts 1, 6–14)

So when they had come together, they asked him,
'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'
He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying,

Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle is read by Joelle

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.
(1Peter 4, 12–14; 5, 6–11)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn – Thy Kingdom Come

Gospel Reading

Harriet reads the Gospel

Reader Alleluia, alleluia.
Go and make disciples of all nations,
says the Lord. Remember,
I am with you always, to the end of the age.
All **Alleluia.**
Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(John 17, 1–11)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said,

'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world.

They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

for the words that you gave to me I have given to them,

and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;

and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – Bennett preaches today

Creed

All

**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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**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.

Prayers of Intercession

Ann and Austin lead the intercessions

In response to each prayer ...

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

At the end ...

Intercessor Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers**
 for the sake of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

President Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my
 peace I give to you.
 If you love me, rejoice because I am going
 to the Father.' Alleluia.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
 and also with you.

Hymn – Amazing Grace

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

President Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;
 nourish your people with the word of life
 and the bread of heaven.

All

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President You are worthy of our thanks and praise,

Lord God of truth,

for by the breath of your mouth

you have spoken your word,

and all things have come into being.

President You fashioned us in your image

and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion

you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets

to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,

we echo the song of the angels in heaven,

evermore praising you and 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.

All

President Lord God, you are the most holy one,

enthroned in splendour and light,

yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ

you reveal the power of your love

made perfect in our human weakness.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

All

President Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation;

loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;

dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,

that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

All

President On the night he gave up himself for us all

he 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.

All

Amen. Lord, we believe.

President 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.

All **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

President Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

All **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

President As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

All **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

President Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free,
and fill your Church with power from on high.

All **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

President Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with Thomas, Luke and Richard and all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

President Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.
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 Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President 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.**

**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.**

The Giving of Communion

President The Church of which we are members is not defined
by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ.
In making our communion spiritually,
we are joining with Christians everywhere
to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

All Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president receives communion.

Jim Kinsella sings Count Your Blessings

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

President God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

President Christ our ascended King

pour upon you the abundance of his gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing ...

All **Amen.**

President Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hymn – Crown Him With Many Crowns

Notices

Coffee, Chat and Bible Study

Our worship is over, our service begins