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HOLY COMMUNION

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Hymn: Our God, our help in ages past

1. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
2. under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure:
sufficient your arm alone,
and our defence sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,

from everlasting you are God
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
6. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
remain our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.



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

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming
sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the righteous,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
(11.28-.30)

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

After the Gospel, the Reader says

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Reflection on the readings

THE OFFERTORY.

The gifts are brought forward and the altar prepared

Hymn All people that on earth do dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3. O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it seemly so to do.

4. For why the Lord our God good;
His mercy for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

THE INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

(During COVID-19 the intercessions may be shortened)

Everyone is invited to offer their prayers

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all peoples; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully [*to accept our alms and oblations, and*] to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord : And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy Holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness and peace; and so to direct all kings and rulers, that under them thy people may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, especially to thy servant *N.* our bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Guide and prosper, we pray thee, those who are labouring for the spread of thy Gospel among the nations, and enlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning; that the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of thy truth.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy Holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

(Pause, while those present add their particular prayers silently or out loud)

And we commend to thy gracious keeping, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them everlasting light and peace.

(Pause, while those present include names of the departed)

And here we give thee most high praise and hearty thanks for all thy Saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and lights of the world in their several generations; especially ...; and we pray, that rejoicing in their fellowship, and following their good examples, we may be partakers with them of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. **Amen.**

THE PREPARATION.

Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

WE confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

THE ABSOLUTION & COMFORTABLE WORDS

ALMIGHTY God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins, and deliver you from all evil, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3. 16.*

THE PEACE

The peace of God be alway with you;

And with thy spirit.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord. trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore gracious Lord so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE CONSECRATION.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

And now we give you thanks
because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death
and to make us inheritors of everlasting life;

that when he shall come again in power and great triumph
to judge the world,
we may with joy behold his appearing,
and in confidence may stand before him.

THEREFORE with angels and archangels and all the company of
heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore
praising thee, and saying,



**HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of
thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.**

**BLESSED is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in
the highest.**

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that
thou of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to
suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there
(by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and
sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the
whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command
us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death
until his coming again;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread, and
when he had given thanks, he brake 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. 

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and when he had
given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye the all of this ;
for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you
and for many for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall
drink it, in remembrance of me. 

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble
servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion

of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, according to his holy institution do celebrate and set forth before thy divine Majesty with these thy holy gifts, the memorial which he hath willed us to make, rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits which he hath procured unto us.

Hear us, O Merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and with thy Holy and Life-giving Spirit vouchsafe to bless and sanctify both us and these thy gifts of Bread and Wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to the end that, receiving the same, we may be strengthened and refreshed both in body and soul.

And we entirely desire thy Fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen** 🕯️.

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say,

**OUR Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:**

(Pause)

**For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Hymn A Gaelic Blessing –

(short silence)

THE THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

(the thanksgiving may be shortened)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

Refrain

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful—
the Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings—
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

2. The purple headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden—
he made them every one. *Refrain*

4. he gave us eyes to see them
and lips that we might tell
how great God Almighty,
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

THE BLESSING

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Thanks be to God