

PATRONAL FEAST OF ST GEORGE THE MARTYR

Sunday 25th April, 2021

Hymn Who would true valour see

1. Who would true valour see,
let him come hither;
one here will constant be,
come wind, come weather;
there's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

2. Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound,
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright:
he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have the right
to be a pilgrim.

3. Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt his spirit;
he knows he at the end
shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, fly away;
he'll not fear what men say;
he'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sentence Then Jesus said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

CONFESSION

Invitation to Confession

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a
sincere and a true heart.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution.

**Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Extolling your might, O Lord,
we humbly implore you,
that, as Saint George imitated the Passion of the Lord,
so may we find your ready help in our weakness.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Revelation (21:5-7)

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words

are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow each reading.

Responsorial Psalm 126

R. The Lord has done marvels for us.

When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with singing.

R. The Lord has done marvels for us.

Then said they among the heathen:
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

Truly the Lord has done great things for us: and therefore we
rejoiced.

R. The Lord has done marvels for us.

Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south.

Those who sow in tears:
shall reap with songs of joy.

R. The Lord has done marvels for us.

They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness,
bringing their sheaves with them.

R. The Lord has done marvels for us.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *(Luke 9:23-26)*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Silence may follow.

THE CREED

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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 priest says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory

Hymn O thou who camest from above

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| 1 O thou who camest from
above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart. | 3 Jesus, confirm my heart's
desire
to work, and speak, and think for
thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me, |
| 2 There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze
and trembling to its source
return,
in humble prayer and fervent
praise. | 4 Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies
seal,
and make the sacrifice complete. |

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.
By his death on the cross,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life
triumphant, and exalted him in glory.
By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned, a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever 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.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'
After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks

he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

**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 your peace.**

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of
Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in
our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Administration of Communion

Remain seated for quiet reflection

1 Come, my way, my truth,
my life,
such a way as gives us
breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my light, my feast, my
strength,
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his
guest.

3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart,
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer after Communion

Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill
us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith, that we may
witness to the resurrection and show your glory to all the
world.

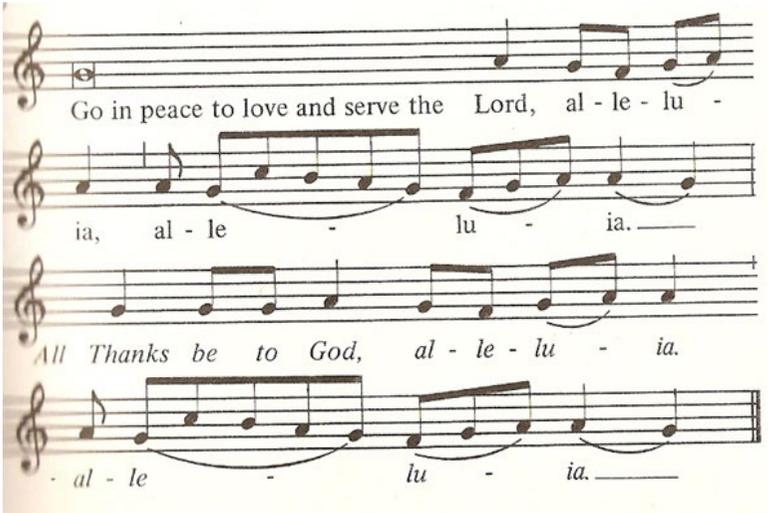
**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Blessing

Almighty God, who redeemed us through the resurrection of
Christ, who raised us to newness of life through the waters of
baptism, and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting
freedom, give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your
eternal inheritance; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord: Alleluia, alleluia
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al - le - lu -
ia, al - le - lu - ia. —
All Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia.
- al - le - lu - ia. —

Hymn Immortal, invisible, God only wise

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest--to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish--but naught changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.