

Eucharist Wednesday



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Please stand.

Opening Song

Father of kindness, you have poured out grace
You brought me out of darkness,
you have filled me with peace
Giver of mercy, you're my help in time of need
Lord, I can't help but sing:

*Faithful, You are
Faithful, forever, You will be
Faithful, You are
All of Your promises are Yes and Amen.*

Beautiful Saviour, you have brought me here
You pulled me from the ashes,
you have broken every curse
Blessed Redeemer, you have set this captive free
Lord I can't help but sing:

Faithful, You are...

**I will rest in Your promises
My confidence is Your faithfulness...**

Words and Music: Chris McClarney, Nate Moore, Tony Brown

President Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
All **Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

President Peace be with you
All **And also with you.**

President Let us pray:

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us
into the fellowship of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to us and to all your servants
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Reading

Ephesians 4: 4–13

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Reader For the word of the Lord:

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1: 39–45

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit.

Sermon

The Revd Canon Felicity Scroggie
Diocesan Advisor for Women's Ministry

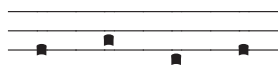
Litany of Penitence and Intercession

After the sermon, a brief time of quiet is held. After this, the altar party kneel and face east; please kneel if you are able.

Intercessor In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,



let us pray to the Father, saying:

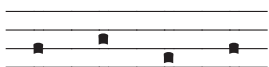


All **Lord, have mer cy**

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,



let us pray to the Lord:



All **Lord, have mer cy**

For all the members of the Church
in their vocation and ministry,
that they may serve him in truth and love,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For Steven our bishop,
and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons,
that they may hunger for truth
and thirst after righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For each of us in our vocation and ministry
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness
we may proclaim the gospel of reconciliation
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the unity of the Church,
that we may be one in Christ, according to his will,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe,
that they may receive the light of the gospel,
and for those whose faith has grown cold,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering, for the aged and infirm,
for the lonely and neglected,
and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the hungry,
for the homeless and the oppressed,
for all prisoners and captives,
and for our brothers and sisters
who are persecuted for their faith,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For Elizabeth our Queen,
for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Offertory Hymn

Lord, you have called disciples to your service
Those who've left all, responding to your grace;
Those who have sought the pearl, the priceless treasure,
And in their lives have etched God's human face.

Lord, still your call excites the human longing,
Though we betray your trust and turn away;
Still you forgive, when we seem past redemption,
And teach our yearning hearts to pray.

Lord, you have given us a new commandment
That we should love as you have loved us first;
Here we receive the tokens of your bounty,
With bread we're fed, and wine relieves our thirst.

Lord, bless the men and women you have chosen
To break the bread and lead your Church in prayer;
That, through their acts of human love and kindness,
We may find Christ and in his banquet share.

Words: Jeremy Davies

Music: Highwood, RR Terry (1865–1938)

Prayer over the Gifts

President Let us pray:

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels
and with all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,

we raise our voice with the Church across the whole world
to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing:

All **Holy holy holy, Lord God almighty,
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826)

Music: Nicaea, JB Dykes (1823–1876)

President We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

President Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Birinus, Frideswide and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

President With saints and martyrs through the ages,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for 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.**

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Music: GP da Palestrina (1525–1594), Missa aeterna Christi munera

Invitation to Communion

President God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion Hymn

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Words: Athelstan Riley (1858–1945)

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

**His name, his name shall be called wonderful;
his name, his name shall be called Counsellor.
The Mighty God, the everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace through all eternity.
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the Prince of Peace through all eternity.**

Words: from Isaiah 11:1

Music: Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

The Post Communion Prayer

After a period of silence, we stand to pray.

President Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

President God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and for the welfare of all people;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,
To live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
From death's despair the gift of life restored;
Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
To sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
The kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Words: Ally Barrett

Music: Woodlands, Walter Greator (1877–1949)



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