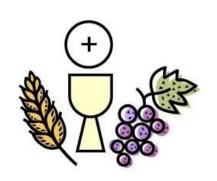
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

In bread we bring you Lord, our body's' labour In wine we offer you our spirit's grief We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour? But stand united now, one in belief O we have gladly heard, your word, your holy word And now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew Our life belongs to you, our Lord and King

The bread we offer you is blessed and broken And it becomes for us our spirit's food Over the cup we bring, your word is spoken Make it your gift to us, your healing blood Take all that daily toil, plant in our heart's poor soil Take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream The chances we have missed, the graces we resist Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem



Communion Music

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast, Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest, Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in Thy tide, Wash me with waters gushing from thy side.

Strength and protection may Thy passion be, O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me; Deep in Thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, So shall I never, never part from Thee.

Going out as the people of God (opening prayer)

Closing Hymn

Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled: Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the Triumph of the skies, With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the ever lasting Lord, Late in time behold him come Offspring of a virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.

Orlagh in the City

22 December 2024

Welcome and stilling exercise Opening Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who orderest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them victory over the grave.

Lighting of the fourth Advent candle

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Opening Prayer

Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us? Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your Word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him, whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophet Baruch (5:2-5a)

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth,
and he shall be the one of peace.

Psalm 80



O shepherd of <u>Is</u>rael, hear us, shine forth from your che<u>rub</u>im throne. O LORD, rouse <u>up</u> your might, O LORD, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, <u>we</u> implore, look down from hea<u>ven</u> and see.

Visit this vine <u>and</u> protect it, the vine your right <u>hand</u> has planted.

May your hand be on the one <u>you</u> have chosen, the one you have gi<u>ven</u> your strength. And we shall never forsake <u>you</u> again; give us life that we may call up<u>on</u> your name.



A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (10:5-10)

onsequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!_____

I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:39-45)

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 leaped 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 leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Quiet Prayer | Lectio | Creed | Intercessions

We believe in God.

Despite his silence and his mystery,

We believe that he is living.

Despite evil and suffering,

We believe that he made the world for happiness and for life.

Despite the limits of our reason and the resistance of our hearts We believe that he is Father.

We believe in Jesus Christ.

Despite the centuries that separate us from him we believe in his Word.

Despite his weakness and his poverty,

we believe that his death is our life.

Despite our incomprehension and our réfusal to believe we believe in his resurrection.

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

Despite appearances, we believe that he guides the Church.

Despite the incredulity of the world,

we believe that he fosters through it the hunger for prayer, justice and love. We also believe that God gives eternal life to all those who search for, and believe in the name of, the Son of God.

Amen.