

10.00am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

WELCOME especially if you are a visitor. After this service there is a Parish Lunch in the Hall. You are all warmly invited to join us. If you need someone to show you the way please ask any of the Welcomers who will be glad to help you.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN (HON 568)

**Ye who own the faith of Jesus,
sing the wonders that were done
when the love of God the Father
over sin the victory won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Blessed were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come;
blessed was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessed far the mother,
she who bore him in her womb.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Wherefore let all faithful people
tell the honour of her name;
let the Church, in her foreshadowed,
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's mother sang in gladness
let Christ's people sing the same.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Let us weave our supplications,
she with us and we with her,
for the advancement of the faithful,
for each faithful worshipper,
for the doubting, for the sinful,
for each heedless wanderer.**

Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.

**May the Mother's intercessions
on our homes a blessing win,
that the children all be prospered,
strong and fair and pure within,
following our Lord's own footsteps,
firm in faith and free from sin.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**For the sick and the aged,
for our dear ones far away,
for the hearts that mourn in secret,
all who need our prayers today,
for the faithful gone before us,
may the holy Virgin pray.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
who hath made thee ark and throne
o'er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the Three in One.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

Priest: + In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Priest: Today we celebrate the Feast of our Patron the Blessed Virgin Mary. We look at her example of humility and obedience and pray that in our lives we too may seek God's will and follow it.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Deacon: The Almighty has done great things for us. With Mary, we sing his praises.

[A short silence is kept]

Your mercy is from age to age on those who fear you.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: You raise up the lowly. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: You keep your promise to our forebears. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: + Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis (Mass: Poston)

**Gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,
Glory, glory, glory be to thee,
And peace to his people here on earth.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,
We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee,
We glorify thee, glorificamus, glorify thee, glorificamus,
We give thee thanks for thy great glory.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens,
Only Son of the Father, Jesus Christ,
Thou who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us,
Thou who takest away the sins of the world,
Receive our prayer,
Thou who art at the right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us,
Solus sanctus, quoniam tu solus sanctus,
Thou alone art the Lord,
Thou alone most high, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: Let us pray [*remain standing as we pray in silence*]

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and

reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

All sit for the readings

A reading from the book of the Prophet Micah 5.2-4

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.

This is the word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 131

I have stilled and quieted my soul

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvellous for me.

I have stilled and quieted my soul

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.
O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on
and for evermore.

I have stilled and quieted my soul

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 8.28-30

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,

who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

ALL STAND FOR THE GOSPEL HYMN (HON 447)

Sing to God new songs of worship,
all his deeds are marvellous;
he has brought salvation to us
with his hand and holy arm.
He has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
he recalled his truth and mercy
to his people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship,
earth has seen his victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful
praising him with thankfulness.
Sound upon the harp his praises,
play to him with melody;
let the trumpets sound his triumph,
show your joy to God the king!

Sing to God new songs of worship –
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters
sound your praises to the Lord.
Let the hills rejoice together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
he will come to judge the earth.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Deacon: Hear the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

1.1-16,18-23

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord;

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

ALL SIT FOR THE SERMON

ALL STAND FOR THE CREED

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.

ALL KNEEL FOR THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ALL STAND FOR THE PEACE

Priest: The Mighty One has done great things for us, and holy is his name.

He guides our feet into the way of peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: and also with you

Deacon: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN DURING WHICH THE GIFTS ARE BROUGHT TO THE ALTAR. (HON 448)

Sing we of the blessed Mother who received the angel's word,
And obedient to the summons bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary at whose breast the child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, of the sword that pierced her
through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus she his weight of suff'ring knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour reigning high on Calv'ry's tree,
Saw the price of our redemption paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary when she saw the risen Lord,
And, in prayer with Christ's apostles, waited on his promised word;
From on high the blazing glory of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being, manifest through wind and
flame.

Sing the greatest joy of Mary when on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation brought her to his heavenly home;
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed, raised on high and crowned with
grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer, grant us all to see his face.

Priest: Dear friends, pray that our sacrifice of thanks and praise may be
acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**ALL MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THIS SACRIFICE AT OUR HANDS,
FOR THE PRAISE AND GLORY OF HIS NAME, FOR OUR GOOD
AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS CHURCH.**

The Prayer over The Gifts:

Priest: God our Saviour, whose mercy is from generation to generation:
in this sacrament may we share with the Virgin Mary the fullness of joy
in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord..

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, almighty Father, ever-living God, to give you thanks and praise for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary. For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit she conceived and bore the Word made flesh. At the cross she kept her vigil, and saw the saving work of your Son brought to its perfection. She rejoiced in his resurrection, and joining her prayers with those of the apostles, was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit. In her you show us the greatness of your love, and the wonderful purpose you intend for all your children. Therefore we join our voice with hers, and all the company of heaven, as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

THE SANCTUS (Poston Mass)

Sanctus, sanctus Dominus, sanctus, Deus,

Holy, holy, holy one, holy Lord

Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory, glory be to thee, glory be,

O my Lord most high, glory be to thee,

Sanctus, sanctus Dominus, sanctus, Deus,

Holy, holy, holy one, holy, holy Lord

Priest: 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, shared it with 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, as we remember all that Jesus did, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Priest: Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and your 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 Blessed Mary and all your 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.**

[a short period of silence is kept]

Priest: Jesus taught us to call God, Our Father, and so we have confidence to say:

All: 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 Priest breaks the consecrated bread, and then says :

Priest: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup;

All: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God, grant us all of your peace.

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Priest: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

DURING COMMUNION

Anthems During Communion: Handel, *Zadok the priest*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest: God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

All: We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

***Sit for the* NOTICES**

ALL STAND FOR THE FINAL HYMN (HON 15)

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But God's pow'r, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tow'r.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore, from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all
ye who follow shall not fall.

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Priest: Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to
trust his promises and obey his will; And the + blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with
you always.

All: Amen

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ, Amen.

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