



**Welcome to The Mass**

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**SCHOOL SUNDAY**

¶ Please **STAND** for the entry of the priest and HYMN 334

## The Gathering

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.

All 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

Priest Brothers and sisters, let us bring to God our failings  
and so prepare ourselves to meet the Lord in the  
sacrament.

¶ Please **SIT OR KNEEL**

*A short period of silence is observed, followed by:*

*Priest* We confess to you  
our lack of care for the world you have given us.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you  
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's gifts  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you  
our failure to protect resources for others.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

*Priest* Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

¶ Please STAND

## The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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

*Priest* Eternal God,  
from whose gentle hands none can snatch us away:  
give us faith to believe that we are known and loved  
with a passion strong enough  
to bring the whole world back to you,  
through Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## ¶ SIT for the New Testament lessons

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

For the word of the Lord

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the book of Revelation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

For the word of the Lord  
*All* Thanks be to God.

## ¶ STAND for the GRADUAL PROCESSION of the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
*All* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St John

*All* Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**¶ Please SIT**

The Homily

**¶ Please STAND**

The Creed

We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

**¶ Please SIT OR KNEEL**

Priest In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ  
let us pray to the Father.

Intercessor Lord, hear us:

*All* Lord, graciously hear us.

**¶ Please STAND**

Priest Our Lady is Mother of the Church and shows her care  
for us all by her prayers. We join our prayers with hers  
as we say,

*All*        **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*Priest*    **And so aided by the prayers of Our Lady, on whose  
constant intercession we rely, we commend the world  
for which Christ gave His life saying,**

*All*        **Merciful Father, accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus  
Christ. Amen.**

**The Peace**

**Where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'**

*All*        **And also with you.  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.**



## OFFERTORY HYMN

*During which a collection will be taken for the work of the church and good causes. Consider using the Giving envelope so we can be tax efficient or do ask about using the cordless payment machine.*

**In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The love of God for all to see  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Priest Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*All* **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord is here  
*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

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 always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.  
You made us and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
And rose in glory from the dead for us.

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and sing:

*All* **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.**

## ¶ Please SIT or KNEEL

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Child Why do we share this bread and wine?  
All Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'  
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'  
So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Child How do we follow Jesus Christ?  
All Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Our Lady, Nicolas,  
George, Benedict and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*      **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**Priest**      At the Saviour's command and formed by Divine  
teaching we dare to say,

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

## The Fracture

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

## Agnus Dei

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 peace.

## We make our communion

*All who are baptised are welcome to receive communion here.*

*Those making their first communion will go first, with their families.*

*Then the sidespeople will shepherd you row by row.*

*Whilst we make our communion the choir will sing the Anthem, 'Sing, men and angels, sing' by Eugene Butler*

## Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son to be the Good Shepherd and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**¶ Please STAND**

## The Blessing & Dismissal

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with  
you always.

*All* Amen.

Priest The Mass is ended.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* In the name of Christ. Amen.