



THE DIOCESE OF ARGYLL AND THE ISLES  
ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
OBAN

# Midweek Eucharist

## WELCOME

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*A SEASONAL SENTENCE MAY BE USED*

We meet in Christ's name.  
**Let us share his peace.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

**God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry.  
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,  
for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE COLLECT (OUR PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)

## A READING

The Word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to .....  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Creator, who made the world?

**I believe.**

Do you believe in God the Saviour, who redeemed humanity?

**I believe.**

Do you believe in God the Sanctifier, who gives life to God's people?

**I believe.**

## INTERCESSIONS

### 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.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth  
in a creation restored by love.

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*As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:*

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,

for the gift of your Son born in human flesh

He is the Word existing beyond time,

both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.

By your power you raised him from the dead.

He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world

On the night when he was given up to death,

knowing that his hour had come,

having loved his own, he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

*"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."*

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

*"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant:  
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me."*

**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us most merciful Father and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary  
the apostles and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages,  
world without end.

**Amen.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

God of unending love, you are present to us in Word and Sacrament.  
With all around the world who gather to worship  
I offer you my praise and thanksgiving;  
and though I cannot eat the bread of God or drink the royal wine of heaven,  
I pray that I may know the fountain of your love drench my heart  
and your Incarnate presence encompass me behind and before,  
that through the power of your Spirit, I may rejoice in the sure and certain hope  
that I abide in your wondrous love  
now and for all eternity, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## PRAYER

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Give thanks to our gracious God.  
**Whose mercy endures for ever.**  
Father, your steadfast purpose  
is the completion of all things in your Son.  
May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom,  
Live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love,  
Until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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The peace of God which passes all understanding  
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ.**