



Diocese of Bristol

Eucharist  
(All Saints to Advent)

President & Preacher: Bishop Viv

Diocesan Synod  
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**The Gathering**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

**The Greeting**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

*Words of welcome and introduction follow*

## Hymn

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
all are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
And words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And a symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
all are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
all are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
all are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
all are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

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## **Prayers of Penitence**

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of  
the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed;  
its evil distortions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong  
and our failure to seek and establish that peace  
which God wills for all his children.

**All Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done what is evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoings  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of our salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

## **The Collect**

Creator and Father of eternity,  
whose martyr Clement bore witness with his blood  
to the love he proclaimed  
and the gospel that he preached:  
give us thankful hearts  
as we celebrate your faithfulness,  
revealed to us in the lives of your saints,  
and strengthen us in our pilgrimage  
as we follow your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

### Philippians 3:17 – 4:3

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.

<sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.

<sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

<sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

### Luke 14:7-11

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

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

<sup>7</sup>When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Address**                      Bishop Viv

## **Prayers of Intercession**

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

You sent your son to bring good news to the poor,  
sight to the blind, freedom to the captives  
and salvation to your people:  
anoint with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name.  
Father by your Spirit

**All Bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to bring help to the poor  
and freedom to the oppressed.  
Father by your Spirit

**All Bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to tell the world  
the good news of your healing love  
Father by your Spirit

**All Bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to those who mourn,  
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.  
Father by your Spirit

**All Bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to proclaim that the time is here  
for you to save your people.  
Father by your Spirit

**All Bring in your kingdom.**

Lord of the Church

**All hear our prayer  
and make us one in mind and heart  
to serve you in Christ our Lord.**

## **The Peace**

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Song

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair  
Lord, in the suffering, this is our prayer  
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace  
Sunrise to sunset, Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsman, trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak

*Chorus God of the poor, friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear  
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share  
Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green  
Christ for the bitterness, His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams  
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed  
Make us content with the things that we need

*Chorus God of the poor, friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame*



Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame  
Until your justice burns brightly again  
Until the nations learn of your ways  
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise

*Chorus God of the poor, friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain  
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## **Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Be present, be present Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

**All Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For you are the hope of the nations,  
the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ  
brings home the lost, restores the sinner  
and gives dignity to the despised.  
In his face your light shines out  
flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
fathering into one in your kingdom  
a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation  
we glorify your name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us  
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the  
whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and  
glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and  
thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this  
cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand  
in your presence and serve you.

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 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**

Let us pray with confidence  
as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

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 the one bread.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he  
gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*The president and people receive communion.*

## Music

Are you hurting and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself?  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today, there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes, a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood

Oh, what a Savior  
Isn't He wonderful?  
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen  
Bow down before Him  
For He is Lord of all  
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
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## **Prayer after Communion**

God our redeemer, whose Church was strengthened  
by the blood of your martyr Clement:  
so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice  
that our lives, broken and offered with his,  
may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection  
in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**All 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.**

## **The Blessing and Dismissal**

Christ our King  
make you faithful and strong to do his will  
that you may reign with him in glory  
And the blessing....

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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