



NEWCASTLE DIOCESE GENEROSITY WEEK 2024

A Eucharist to celebrate Generosity

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Opening Hymn

The Gathering

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen

The Greeting

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving
and enter his courts with praise.
Give thanks to the Lord
and bless his name.
For the Lord is good.
His steadfast love endures forever.

An informal introduction to the service and its context may be offered here.

Prayers of Penitence

As those who know the Generosity of God,
let us confess our sins,
especially the ways we have taken good gifts for granted:

Creative God you have gifted us with your creation,
yet we take your good gifts for granted;
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Gracious God, you bless us each day,
yet we forget to be thankful;
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Generous God, you offer new life through your Son
yet, we turn away from you;
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Gloria in Excelsis

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

In a time of silence, let us pray that we may draw closer to the one who created
all things

Silence is kept

God of grace, ever creating and restoring,
you breathe life into all things and embrace us with everlasting love;
help us to grow in awe and wonder to embody the spirit of gratitude
and to dream generous dreams; that, in gathering what we have,
we may graciously offer ourselves to accomplish what you will,
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

The Liturgy of the word

We sit to listen to readings from Scripture

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-end

Glory to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now
And shall be forever. Amen

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious,
For his mercy endures forever.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Remain standing if able for the Gospel reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 6:19-33

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

A sermon or reflection may be given.

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in God

**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.

A Litany of Generosity

Let us give thanks to God for his gifts so generously given to us,
and for the blessings we are called to share.

For recognising that all things come from you,
for remembering that we are stewards of your gifts,
for wisely using the resources entrusted to us
We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For rejoicing in the beauty of creation,
for the care of your world,
for the sharing the fruits of creation equally among all people.
We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For encountering the joy of giving
for humility in putting others needs before our own,
for embracing the privilege of sharing the ministry to the saints,
We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For courage in offering sacrificial generosity,
for our giving to be an act of worship
for grace in offering our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice,
We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For all financial gifts offered to your Church
for freely giving as we have received,
for giving and not counting the cost,
We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For releasing our hold on material possessions,
for contentment in what we have,
for trust in letting go
We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For generosity in love, encouragement, and hope,
for openness in invitation and hospitality,
for wisdom in the gift of friendship
We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For serving you as you deserve,
for following our calling as your disciples,
for serving you with gladness of heart,
We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For being a blessing through the blessings we receive,
for generosity which enables mission,
for sharing abundantly in every good work,
We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For living a generous life,
for our actions to point beyond themselves,
for our generosity to be an expression of love and gratitude,
We offer ourselves to you, O God.

Intercessions

Intercessions are offered and may end with

**Source of all life, and giver of all that is good
hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy forever
Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Spirit brings love, generosity, and peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also, with you

All are invited to exchange a sign of peace

A hymn may be sung.

An offering

O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

An offering may be taken

There should be time for people to reflect on the gifts given electronically or symbolically

God of all creation
the source of life and the giver of all good things
through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts,
with them we may offer our lives;
that we may be used to serve others,
and give you glory.
We make our prayer
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Giving God,
from whom comes every good and perfect gift,
that we might grow in gratitude and share your blessings;
accept these gifts of bread and wine,
and may the sacrifice of Christ draw us closer to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you (or)
and also with you.

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Eternal God and Father
all things are in your making.
In the fulfilment of your promise
you have showered us with blessings
and filled us with your gifts.
You form us in your image, the first fruits of your creation,
and by your Holy Spirit embed within us generous hearts
that we may be channels of your self-giving love.
Through your Son Jesus Christ
you have freed us from our sins
and made us a kingdom of priests
to serve you with joy forever.

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name
for ever praising you and saying/singing

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

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 the blood of your dear son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and taking the bread, praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to 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, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him 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.

Praise to you Lord Jesus
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and 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 [N and] all the 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,
forever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Offering ourselves into the hands of God, as our Saviour taught us so we pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

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.

(or)

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious
blessed is the one who trusts him

God's holy gifts for God's holy people
Jesus Christ is holy
Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God, the Father.

Communion is administered – music may be played.
A post communion hymn may be sung

Prayer after Communion

Loving and righteous God
here at your table we have tasted your goodness and generosity
which exceeds all that we can desire or deserve;
liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may respond cheerfully by offering ourselves
and love and serve others to witness your glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

The Blessing

The God of hope fill us with every blessing,
That we may share in every good work;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Final Hymn is sung

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen



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