

CONCLUDING RITE

The people *STAND*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

The celebrant blesses the people, who respond: Amen.

Celebrant: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

FINAL HYMN

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed. *Refrain*

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.
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How great thou art, how great thou art.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing;
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art *Refrain*

THE ANGELUS

It is our custom, before we go home, to make this traditional memorial of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ:

V. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary.

R. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

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.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. **Be it unto me according to thy word.** *All:* Hail, Mary . . .

V. And the Word became flesh.

R. **And dwelt among us.** *All:* Hail, Mary . . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

The priest prays the Collect. The people respond: Amen.

ORGAN MUSIC

Magnificat (Fugato) –J S Bach



MOTHERING SUNDAY 4th Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTORY RITE

ORGAN MUSIC

Ave Maria - F Schubert

ENTRANCE HYMN

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominations lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

ANTIPHON *Psalm 67:6*

Celebrant: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.

Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

GREETING

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

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

The celebrant introduces the Mass



ACT OF PENITENCE

Celebrant: As we come into the presence presence of God
let us remember the wrong things we have done
and ask him to forgive us

After a pause for reflection:

Celebrant: Lord,
you love us
and have given us so many blessings.
Lord, have mercy

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord,
when we wandered away and became selfish,
you rescued us and brought us home.
Christ, have mercy

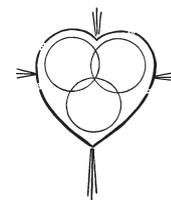
People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord,
you are at work in us
helping us to love you
and to give generously to one another.
Lord, have mercy

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**



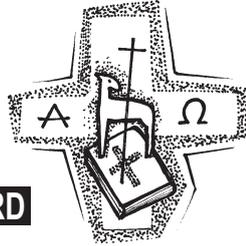
COLLECT

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

All: **Amen.**

The people SIT



LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *Exodus 2:1-10*

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

A man from the tribe of Levi married a woman of his own tribe, and she bore him a son. When she saw what a fine baby he was, she hid him for three months. But when she could not hide him any longer, she took a basket made of reeds and covered it with tar to make it watertight. She put the baby in it and then placed it in the tall grass at the edge of the river. The baby's sister stood some distance away to see what would happen to him.

The king's daughter came down to the river to bathe, while her servants walked along the bank. Suddenly she noticed the basket in the tall grass and sent a slave woman to get it. The princess opened it and saw a baby boy. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

Then his sister asked her, "Shall I go and call a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby for you?"

"Please do," she answered. So the girl went and brought the baby's own mother. The princess told the woman, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So she took the baby and nursed him. Later, when the child was old enough, she took him to the king's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. She said to herself, "I pulled him out of the water, and so I name him Moses."

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The people STAND



HYMN

**Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.**

Refrain **So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.**

**Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing a friend. *Refrain***

**Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the Son came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, his Spirit is near. *Refrain***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Luke 5:18*

v. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus
R. **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus**
v. I will leave this place and go to my father and say,
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'
R. **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus**

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.**

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**



RITE OF PEACE

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you: look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Choir sing:*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**



Holy Communion is now given.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ave Maria - Simon Lindley b 1948

COMMUNION HYMN

**Holy Virgin, by God's decree,
you were called eternally;
that he could give his Son to our race,
Mary, we praise you, hail, full of grace.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.**

**By your faith and loving accord,
as the handmaid of the Lord,
you undertook God's plan to embrace,
Mary, we thank you, hail, full of grace.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.**

**Refuge for your children so weak,
Sure protection all can seek.
Problems of life you help us to face.
Mary, we trust you, hail full of grace.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria**

Celebrant: God our Father, you are most holy
and we want to show you that we are grateful.

We bring you bread and wine
and ask you to send your Holy Spirit
to make these gifts
the body + and blood of Jesus your Son.
Then we can offer to you what you have given to us.

On the night before he died,
Jesus was having supper with his apostles.
He took bread from the table.
He gave you thanks and praise.
Then he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given up for you.
When supper was ended,
Jesus took the chalice that was filled with wine.
He thanked you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new
and everlasting covenant.

It is shed for you and for all
so that sins may be forgiven.
Then he said to them: do this in memory of me.

The mystery of faith.

All: **Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Celebrant: We now do now what Jesus told us to do.
We remember his death and resurrection
and we offer you, Father,
the bread that gives us life,
and the cup that saves us.



Jesus brings us to you;
welcome us as you welcome him.
Together with all for whom we pray,
we are offered to God the Father
as part of Jesus' sacrifice of love.

Father, because you love us,
you invite us to this table.
Fill us with the joy of the Holy Spirit
as we receive the body and blood of your Son.

Lord, you never forget any of your children.
We ask you to take care of those we love,
and we pray for those who have died.
Remember everyone who is suffering
from pain or sorrow.
Remember Christians everywhere
and all other people in the world.

We are filled with wonder and praise
when we see what you do for us
through Jesus your Son.

Through him, with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

The people STAND

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: At the Saviour's command,
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

THE GOSPEL *Luke 2:41-52*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: A Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the
Passover Festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they went
to the festival as usual. When the festival was over, they started
back home, but the boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. His parents
did not know this;

They thought that he was with the group, so they travelled
a whole day and then started looking for him among their
relatives and friends. They did not find him, so they went back
to Jerusalem looking for him. On the third day they found him
in the Temple, sitting with the Jewish teachers, listening to them
and asking questions.

All who heard him were amazed at his intelligent answers. His
parents were astonished when they saw him, and his mother said
to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I
have been terribly worried trying to find you."

He answered them, "Why did you have to look for me? Didn't
you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did
not understand his answer.

So Jesus went back with them to Nazareth, where he was
obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her
heart. Jesus grew both in body and in wisdom, gaining favour
with God and people.

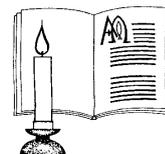
The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY *The people SIT*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The people STAND and sing together:



**I believe in God Almighty,
he who made both heaven and earth.
I believe he is our Father,
and through him we have our birth.
I believe and trust in Jesus,
God the Father's only Son.
I believe he came to save us,
for he loves us every one.**

**And I love his mother Mary,
for through her the Lord was born;
Born to suffer death and sorrow,
born to rise on Easter morn.
I believe he lives for ever,
death for him was not the end;
He returned to God his Father,
that his Spirit he might send.**

**I believe his Holy Spirit
lives within our church today;
And he gives his truth and guidance,
so that we will know the way.
I believe, when life is over,
Christ will take us home with him,
And in joy we'll live for ever,
evermore in peace. Amen.**

The people KNEEL or SIT

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Gathered together as God's people,
let us pray for all families everywhere.

Celebrant: We thank you for Mary
who said YES to God

and for the example of love and devotion to Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **We praise you, O Lord; and give you thanks today.**

Celebrant: We thank God for giving us others to share in our lives: For parents, and the love they show us.

All: **We praise you, O Lord; and give you thanks today.**

Celebrant: For mothers who have cherished and nurtured us:

All: **We praise you, O Lord; and give you thanks today.**

Celebrant: For fathers who have loved and supported us,

All: **We praise you, O Lord; and give you thanks today.**

Celebrant: For our brothers and sisters who share our lives.

All: **We praise you, O Lord; and give you thanks today.**

Celebrant: For other relatives and friends, who have been with us in our hopes and joys and times of sadness:

All: **We praise you, O Lord; and give you thanks today.**

Celebrant: For those we love but who are no longer with us.

All: **We praise you, O Lord; and give you thanks today.**

Celebrant: And for all who first spoke to us of Jesus, and have drawn us into the family of our Father in heaven.

All: **We praise you, O Lord; and give you thanks today.**

The celebrant adds the names of people in special need, and then says:

O God, help us to live as those who belong to one another, and to you, our Father, now and always.

People: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

Refrain: **All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings. Refrain**

**The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one; Refrain**



**The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows for our play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day; Refrain**

**He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. Refrain**

INVITATION TO PRAYER

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

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Celebrant We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right and just.**

Celebrant: It is truly right and just, O God, that we should gather and offer you thanks and praise for all the wonderful things you have done.

We thank you for all that is beautiful in the world and for the happiness you have given us.

We thank you for daylight and for your word which lights up our minds.

We thank you for the earth, for all the people who live on it, and for our life which comes from you.

Father, you are always thinking about your people; you never forget us.

You sent Jesus to be born as one of us. He healed the sick, cared for the poor and wept with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive each other. He loved us and showed us how to be kind.

He took children in his arms and blessed them.

God our Father, all over the world your people praise you while the choirs of heaven sing forever to your glory:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, 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.

The people KNEEL