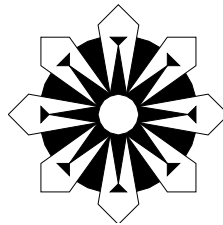


The Church of St David & St Patrick

Service of the Holy Eucharist for Lent



*Bring to this holy place
all that troubles you
and let God help and heal your life.*

*Bring your joys
and let God fill them with delight.
Receive here God's touch to your heart
in word and prayer
in bread and wine,
for God knows you are here
and seeks you.*

*Go from this place
and take something
of the peace and joy of worship.
And notice that outside
God is smiling at you in every face.*

The Gathering of the Community

Introductory Hymn

Priest We gather here in this place,
All acknowledging this wilderness time.

Minister We pray that God finds us and we find God
All as we walk this Lenten wilderness.

Priest We reflect on the wilderness of questions & challenges,
the pain of grief and sorrow,
the relief of hope and comfort.

All We reflect on the journey our lives are taking.

Minister Let us greet each other in the grace of Jesus the Christ,
who knows what it is to walk this wilderness.

The Community greets each other

A Regathering Song

*Create in me a clear heart, O God, that I might love You.
Create in me a clear heart, O God, that I might be renewed.
So fill me, and heal me, and bring me back to You.
Create in me a clear heart, O God, that I might love You.*

The Collect of the Season of Lent *said by all, with sung refrain*

**Eternal and gracious God,
you reject nothing which you have made,
and forgive all sin in those who turn to you.**

*Create in me a clear heart, O God, that I might love You.
Create in me a clear heart O God , that I might be renewed*

**Create and make in us new and gentle hearts,
that we, being always mindful of our brokenness,
may be open to receive from you
forgiveness, healing, grace and love,
through Jesus the Christ, our Lord. Amen**

*So fill me, and heal me, and bring me back to You.
Create in me a clear heart, O God, that I might love You.*

The children are sent forth to their program.

Priest Kyrie eleison,
All Christe eleison,
Priest Kyrie eleison
All Lord have mercy,
Priest Christ have mercy,
All Lord have mercy.

All Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

Hearing the Word

The first reading.

Reader A reading from.....
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Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All Thanks be to God

The Gradual Hymn

The Gospel Reading

Reader May God be with you.
All And also with you

Reader The story of Jesus the Christ, according to ...
All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Reader This is the story of Jesus the Christ.
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A moment of reflective silence is followed by

An Alternate translation of the Nicene Creed

[said by all, standing]

**We believe in God
who loves us and is creating us
and all that we see and don't see.**

**We believe in Jesus, the Christ,
the child of God,
our human brother.
In him is light and truth and God made visible.
In Jesus God seeks us and draws us home,
loving us, saving us and forgiving us in grace.
Jesus lived our lives
from birth and growing
through to suffering and death.
But God raised him into eternal life,
life in God's eternal presence.**

**Accepting or rejecting
the love God reveals in the Christ,
is our judgment,
and our eternal reward or shame.**

**We believe in God's Spirit of Holiness.
She gives life and is worshipped with glory.
She is the breath of the life of God.
She speaks in the words of prophets.**

**We believe in one Church, the Body of Christ,
made up of those on a journey,
following Jesus as the apostles did,
united in the one Spirit,
though separated through denominations.**

**We acknowledge our Baptism as a sign
of God's unconditional forgiveness and healing,
and we look for a new aliveness,
eternal life breaking out in us,
the life of the kingdom of heaven
within and among us. Amen**

We Offer Our Prayers, Our Gifts, and Our Selves

We pray together with words, and with silence.

[The congregation may stand, sit, or kneel]

We pray for reconciliation.

Priest Dear friends in Christ
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God seeks out the broken,
the ashamed and the forgotten ones,
forgiving them their sin,
healing them and restoring them with grace.
So let us confess in words we all may share.

All **Gracious God**
we confess that we have sinned against you
and against each other:
we have been sinned against,
and carry the scars in our hearts.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts
and we have not loved each other,
or allowed ourselves to be loved
with openness and trust.
We are sorry and we humbly repent.
In the love of Christ let us be forgiven,
in the compassion of Christ enable us to forgive,
in the glory of Christ restore our hearts,
that we may love like you,
and walk in your ways. Amen.

Priest Know that you are forgiven
Forgive others;
forgive yourself.

Through Christ, God has put away your sin.
Approach your God in peace.

As we journey in the wilderness,
May peace be within us,
May peace be among us.
May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

All And also with you.

Offering Hymn

Prayer over the gifts

**All On our journey towards your kingdom,
We offer our gifts to you:
Bread from grain of the field,
wine from grapes of the vine,
money from our work in the world.
May the meal we share at this table
be a strengthening foretaste of the banquet
we will eat with you in the kingdom of heaven.**

Priest May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

Priest Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All It is our delight to offer thanks and praise.

Priest Blessed are you, God of hope and promise.
With fire and cloud,
you led the Israelites
through fear and uncertainty
to safety in a land of milk and honey.

To each of us you speak a word of love,
and a call to journey through the wilderness,
leaving our old selves behind,
that we might find the real selves
you have made us for.
In hope and faith you lead each of us
to the fullness of the stature of Christ.
And so with prophets, teachers and counsellors,
with all your beloved people growing to holiness,
we join our voices singing....

All **O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space;
All earth and sea and sky above
Bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
Creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
And bears your name always.**

Priest Blessed are you, gracious God,
for calling us into the fellowship of Jesus.
As his death drew near,
he gathered his followers
to strengthen them with holy food.
He took bread,
blessed it, broke it and offered it to them saying,
“Take this and eat it. It is my body, broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”
He took wine,
blessed it, and offered it to them saying,
“Drink of this all of you .
This is my blood,
of a new and eternal covenant,
shed for you and for many,
that your sins may be forgiven.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in memory of me.”

**All: We invite you, Holy Spirit,
to be upon these gifts
and upon those who gather here,
that as we eat this bread,
we may be strengthened to follow Christ;
and as we drink of this cup,
we may know Christ growing in us.
As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection,
may the Christ be made flesh in us,
that this church may be Christ's body,
and we may be Christ's lips to speak,
ears to hear, hands to heal,
and heart to love.
May we who gather as Christians
around this Table
be filled with the life of Christ,
to the praise and glory and joy
of our Creator and God. Amen.**

In Jesus' words, let us 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
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Invitation to Communion

Priest Come to this Table,
 you who have much faith
 and you who would like to have more;
 you who come to this Table often,
 and you who have not been for a long time;
 you who have tried to follow Jesus,
 and you who fear you have failed.
 Come.
 It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

Communion is shared

[all people of good faith are invited to receive communion at the altar rail]

Hymns may be sung by the choir and congregation during communion.

Final Prayers

**All God of those who journey on,
 you have fed us with holy food,
 and nourished us with holy drink.
 Make us holy people,
 that we might bring blessings to all we touch.
 In the name of Jesus our Christ. Amen**

The Blessing.

**All The blessing of the God of life be ours,
 The blessing of the loving Christ be ours,
 The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,
 to cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

Priest The blessing of the one God,
 Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
 Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier,
 be upon you to raise you to new life,
 now and always. Amen

Final Hymn and Dismissal

PLEASE LEAVE THIS BOOKLET IN THE CHURCH.

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