

The Liturgy of the 5th Sunday of Lent for the Parishes in the East Telford Benefice.

**The Parishes of
Holy Trinity, Oakengates
St Peter's, Priorslee
Holy Trinity, Wrockwardine Wood**

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Prayer (All)

Be with us, Spirit of God:
Nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God
Fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God:
Bring strength, healing and peace.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Hymn – Will you come and follow me

Confession

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Against you, you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ALL: God make peace within us and between us and grant us healing and strength to do God's will. Amen.

The Word of God

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Readings

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Reading – Hebrews 5:5-10

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HYMN – From Heaven you came

Gospel

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

John 12:20-33

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

Talk

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Intercessions

Let us offer our prayers.....

Conclusion: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Invitation

At the last supper Jesus, sharing bread and wine, invited the disciples to share his journey.

Like many grains of wheat becoming one loaf of bread, the disciples were invited to become one body with him.

Here today, though scattered, we renew our journey with Jesus and his disciples.
Here today, we renew our unity with one another, and with all those who have gone before us.

Here, we renew our communion with the earth and our interwovenness with the broken ones of the world.

Spiritual Communion

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in the grave, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

Psalm 139: 7-10

Jesus says,
Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking;
if you hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in to you and eat with you,
and you with me.

Revelation 3:20

Lord our God
you prepare a table before us
and, although we cannot be present at your Holy Eucharist,
by your grace, open our hearts to receive
the gift of your Son, the Word made flesh:

who, on the night that he was betrayed
took bread, 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
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 in remembrance of me.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
that, though separated by distance,
we may still, through faith, be partakers in the benefits
of Christ's offering of his body and his blood.

This we ask, through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

*A time of reflection follows, as each person present makes their own spiritual
communion with God and we hear I heard the voice of Jesus say*

The period of spiritual communion concludes by saying

As Jesus has taught us, so we say with confidence:

**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.**

Conclusion

‘Remember, I am with you
to the end of the age,’ says the Lord.

(Matthew 28:20)

Hymn – Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Notices

The Blessing

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory;

And the blessing ...

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn – Meekness and Majesty