

SEE OF RICHBOROUGH



THE CHRISM MASS WITH RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO DIACONAL & PRIESTLY SERVICE AND THE BLESSING OF THE OILS

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THE CHRISM MASS

Welcome to this celebration of the Chrism Mass as we prepare to enter into the Great Days of Holy Week and our sacramental celebration of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It is a privilege to be celebrating this Liturgy with you all, and I would like to extend my thanks to the Diocesan Bishops of Guildford, Chelmsford and Rochester, their Deans and Chapters and the Parish and Shrine in Walsingham for their gracious and generous hospitality in welcoming the Richborough Family to their Cathedrals and Parish. My thanks, too, to all those who have worked locally to make the arrangements for our celebration today.

At his Last Supper, on the eve of his death, Jesus gave his disciples ‘a new commandment, that you love one another.’ Maundy Thursday brings together a number of related themes: the sacrificial love of Jesus, the love of Christians for one another, the inauguration of the Eucharist and our participation in the royal priesthood of the church. Although for practical reasons we celebrate the Renewal of Ministerial Commitment and the Blessing of the Oils earlier in the week, we should remember its link with Maundy Thursday.

Because Christians as a whole are a priestly people, called ‘to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ’, this should not be an exclusive clerical service. Rather it should be an opportunity for all disciples of Jesus Christ to renew their commitment to serve him and proclaim the glorious Word of God. The Christian is called to make Christ known and wherever we are to bear witness to Christ in word and action. We are called to bear witness to Christ everywhere, to proclaim the wonderful works of God and to give glory to God through our lives.

‘God calls his people to follow Christ and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light... To serve this royal priesthood, God has given particular ministries.’

These words from the Ordination service make it clear that clergy and lay people alike share in the one royal priesthood of Jesus Christ with its privilege and obligation to live and proclaim his Gospel.

At this Chrism Mass we are all invited to commit ourselves afresh to God's call to follow Christ as members of his royal priesthood. Our bishops, priests and deacons are invited to renew their ordination vows and promise to serve Christ and his people faithfully.

Let us then pray for one another and encourage each other in our various ministries.

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+ Luke Rutledge

At 12noon all stand

THE ANGELUS

THE ORDER OF MASS

Members of the congregation are invited to join in the texts printed in **bold**.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN.

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won,
Which now his brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem,
The Root, whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No Angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**

Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways,
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne – the Infinite!
Who lives – and loves – and saves.

George Elvey (1816 – 93)
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In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

If the Diocesan Bishop or Dean is present they may offer words of welcome

The Bishop offers words of welcome and introduces the Mass

PENITENTIAL RITE.

Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself:

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness:

Christe eleison. **Christe eleison.**

You open for your people the way from death into life:

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

[Organ] Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

Hea'vn-ly King, Al-mighty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

High-est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on—ly Son of the Fa-ther. Lord God

Lamb of God you take a way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; You are

sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God,

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly one,

You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ,

with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the Glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, who anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power to bring to the world the blessings of your kingdom: anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's suffering and his victory may bear witness to the gospel of salvation; through the same Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61: 1-9

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast.

Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonour they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 88

Response sung first by the choir, then repeated by the congregation:

℟ I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I have found David my servant
and with my holy oil anointed him.
My hand shall always be with him
and my arm shall make him strong. **℟**

My truth and my love shall be with him;
by my name his might shall be exalted.
He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'. **℟**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand

All stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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The spirit of the Lord has been given to me;
he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!

THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

Luke 4: 16-21

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down.

And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit.

THE SERMON

THE RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO DIACONAL AND PRIESTLY SERVICE

The Bishop addresses the Deacons (who stand):

Beloved deacon(s), it is recorded that on the night Christ was betrayed, he took a towel and, wrapping it round himself, washed his disciples' feet, saying, "I am among you as one who serves." In the presence of your bishop and God's holy people, are you ready so to re-dedicate yourself to the ministry and work of a deacon in the Church?

Deacons: I am.

The Bishop addresses the Priests (who stand):

Beloved priests, on the anniversary of that day when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood on his Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew, in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people, the promises you once made?

Priests: I am.

Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to him, denying yourselves and confirming those promises about sacred duties towards Christ's Church which, prompted by love of him, you willingly and joyfully pledged on the day of your priestly ordination?

Priests: I am.

Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, following Christ the Head and Shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls?

Priests: I am.

The Bishop addresses the people (who stand):

As for you, dearest sons and daughters, pray for your priests, that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them, and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, the High Priest, so that they may lead you to him, who is the source of salvation.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

And pray also for me, that I may be faithful to the apostolic office entrusted to me in my lowliness and that in your midst I may be made day by day a living and more perfect image of Christ, the Priest, the Good Shepherd, the Teacher and Servant of all.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

May the Lord keep us all in his charity and lead all of us, shepherds and flock, to eternal life.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The Bishop says

As we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery, let us earnestly pray to God for those on the road to baptism and for all who seek life in Christ.

First Intercessor:

For the Church throughout the world, as she proclaims the death and resurrection of Christ, **Lord, have mercy.**

For Luke Bishop of Richborough, for N. Bishop of N. and for bishops, priests and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, **Lord, have mercy.**

For candidates for baptism in every congregation, **Lord, have mercy.**

Second Intercessor:

For all peoples on earth, filled with the Spirit of God,
Lord, have mercy.

For justice, mercy, and peace throughout the world,

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, refugees and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed,

Lord, have mercy.

Third Intercessor:

For the dying and those who have died,

Lord, have mercy.

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love,

Lord, have mercy.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

The Bishop prays:

Eternal God, who sent your anointed Son among us to bring good news to all peoples, receive the prayers we offer this day and grant that those who receive these holy oils may join him in his death and resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE OILS

The oil of chrism, oil of the sick and the oil of catechumens are brought in procession to the bishop.

HYMN

**Blest by the sun, the olive tree
Brought clusters of fair fruit to birth,
Whose ripeness now we bring with prayer,
Lord Christ, redeemer of the earth.**

**Eternal king, look down and bless
The oil your servants offer here,
And may it be a lively sign
Which all the powers of darkness fear.**

From those washed in the sacred font
Let Satan's influence depart,
And when this oil the brow shall seal,
Transforming grace invade the heart.

Our wounded nature thus be healed
By your anointing grace, O Lord;
In men and women so renewed
Shall God's own image be restored.

Lord Christ, the Father's only Son,
Who took our flesh in Mary's womb,
Give light to your anointed ones
And break the power of death's dark tomb.

So may this joyous paschal feast,
the time when saving grace is given,
Fill every Christian soul with praise,
And raise our minds from earth to heaven. Amen.

From an early Latin hymn, tr Richard Rutt, 1925-2011

The Oil of the Sick and Dying is presented, saying

The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

The Bishop prays

O God, Father of all consolation, who willed to heal the infirmities of the weak through your Son, listen favourably to the prayer of faith: send forth from the heavens, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, upon this oil in all its richness, which you have graciously brought forth from the verdant tree to restore the body, so that by your holy blessing ✠ everyone anointed with this oil as a safeguard for body, soul, and spirit may be freed from all pain, all infirmity, and all sickness. May your holy oil, O Lord, be blessed by you for our sake in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Oil of the Catechumens is presented, saying

The oil for the signing of the cross at baptism.

The Bishop prays

O God, strength and protection of your people, who have made the oil you created a sign of strength, graciously bless ✠ this oil, and grant courage to the catechumens who will be anointed with it, so that, receiving divine wisdom and power, they may understand more deeply the Gospel of your Christ, they may undertake with a generous heart the labours of the Christian life, and, made worthy of adoption as your sons and daughters, they may rejoice to be born anew and to live in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Oil of Sacred Chrism is presented, saying

The oil of chrism for anointing at confirmation and ordination.

The Bishop adds fragrant balsam to the Oil of Sacred Chrism.

Let us pray, dear brothers and sisters, to God the almighty Father, that he bless and sanctify this oil; may those who are signed with it outwardly be inwardly anointed and made worthy of divine redemption.

O God, author of all growth and spiritual progress, receive in your goodness the grateful homage that the Church joyfully offers to you through our voice. For in the beginning you commanded the earth to bring forth fruit-bearing trees, among which olive trees would arise as providers of this most rich oil, so that their fruit might serve for sacred Chrism.

In the spirit of prophecy, David foresaw the sacraments of your grace and sang of the oil that would gladden our faces. After the world's offences were washed away by the flood, a dove announced the restoration of peace on earth with the olive branch, foreshadowing the gift to come. In the last days all this has been clearly revealed: when every offence is removed through the waters of Baptism, the anointing with this oil makes our faces cheerful and serene.

You also commanded your servant Moses to make his brother Aaron a priest, by pouring this oil upon him after he had been washed in water. Still greater dignity was added to this when your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, insisted that he be washed by John in the waters of the Jordan: you sent the Holy Spirit from on high in the likeness of a dove; you declared by the witness of the voice that followed, that you were well pleased in him, your Only Begotten Son; and you were seen to confirm clearly what the prophet David had foretold in song, that Christ would be anointed with the oil of gladness above his companions.

The concelebrants extend their right hands towards the Sacred Chrism, without saying anything, until the end of the prayer.

Therefore we beseech you, Lord: be pleased to sanctify with your ✠ blessing this oil in its richness, and pour into it the strength of the Holy Spirit, with the powerful working of your Christ.

The Bishop breathes on the oil:

From his holy name it has received the name of Chrism, and with it you have anointed your priests, prophets, kings, and martyrs.

May you confirm the Chrism you have created as a sacred sign of perfect salvation and life for those to be made new in the spiritual waters of Baptism. May those formed into a temple of your majesty by the holiness infused through this anointing and by the cleansing of the stain of their first birth be made fragrant with the innocence of a life pleasing to you.

May those anointed with royal, priestly, and prophetic dignity be clothed with the garment of an incorruptible gift in keeping with the Sacrament you have established. May this oil be the Chrism of salvation for those born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and may it make them partakers of eternal life and sharers of heavenly glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All stand.

The Bishop says

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. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Deacon of the Mass says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace. The people remain standing for the Offertory Hymn and as the altar is prepared.

OFFERTORY HYMN

**And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?**

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

**'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.**

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

C Wesley (1707-88) Sagina T Campbell (1825-76)

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

**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.**

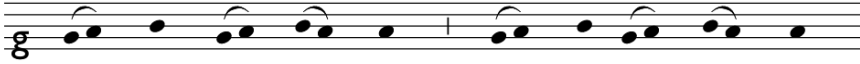
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

The Bishop says

May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord,
we pray, mercifully wipe away what is old in us
and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

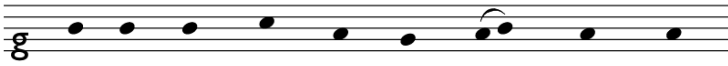
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Bishop continues to sing the Preface:

Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end.

The choir sings

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua. Hosanna in
excelsis. Benedictus qui
venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*[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.]*

If no choir, we sing

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All kneel

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.

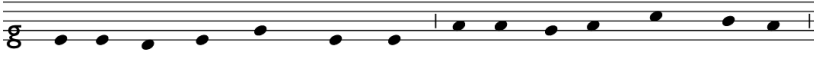
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Bishop sings



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus:

And all reply



Dy-ing you des-troyed our death, ris-ing you re-stored our life:



Lord Je-sus, come in glo-ry.

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 Mary the Virgin Mother of God, Blessed Joseph, her spouse, and 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 Ho-ly Spi-rit,

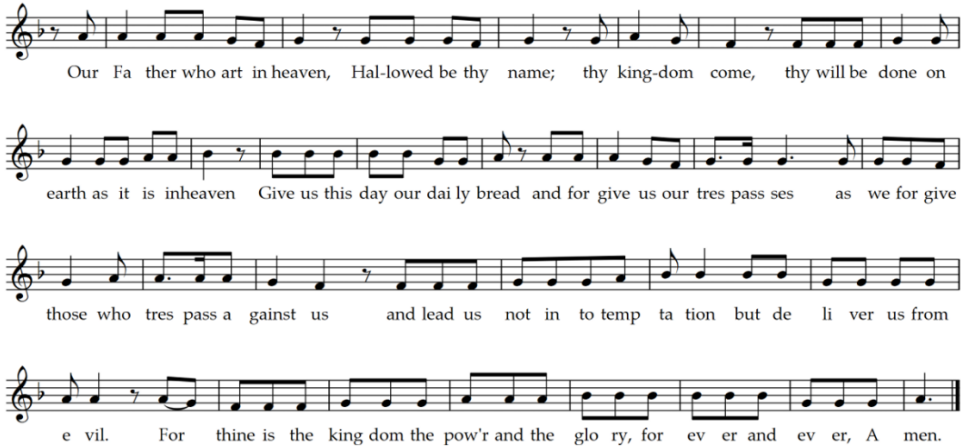


all honour and glory be yours, al-migh-ty Fa-ther,

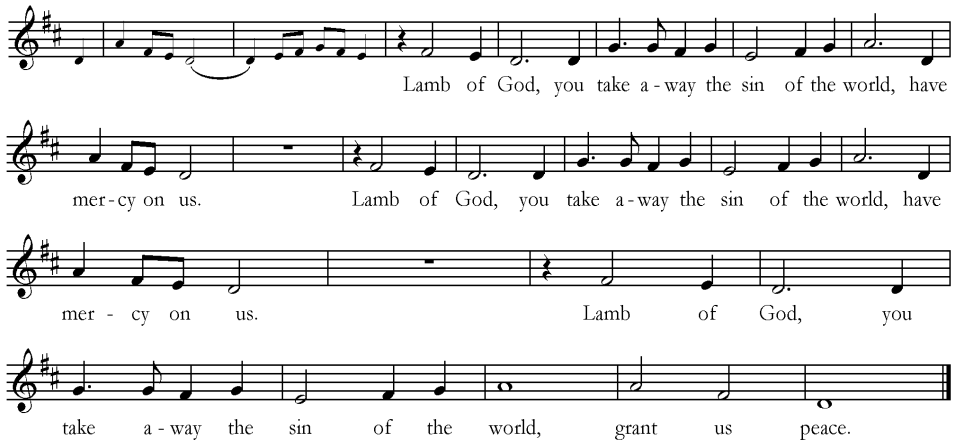


for ev-er and ev-er. **A-men.**

All stand as the Bishop invites the congregation to pray:



Our Fa ther who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name; thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven Give us this day our dai ly bread and for give us our tres pass ses as we for give those who tres pass a gainst us and lead us not in to temp ta tion but de li ver us from e vil. For thine is the king dom the pow'r and the glo ry, for ev er and ev er, A men.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Members of the congregation are asked to kneel or to be seated and then to make their way to the place of communion as and when directed by the stewards.

Those who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and usually receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so today - others are very welcome to come for a blessing (please carry this sheet).

The minister says to each communicant:

*The Body/ Blood of Christ. They reply: **Amen***

COMMUNION MOTET
(if there is a choir)

During communion, the following hymns may be sung:

COMMUNION HYMNS

**Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion,
Infinitely kind.**

**Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem.**

Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies,
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting
Lifts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

Caswall F Filiz (1804-76)
Italian (author unknown)

If needed

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O, who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne
Salvation to bestow:
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suffering goes,
That He His foes
From thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing:
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

S Crossman (1624-83)
Love Unknown – John Ireland (1879-1962)

Silence is kept after communion.

All stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord God almighty, you have given us fresh strength in these sacramental gifts. Renew in us the image of Christ crucified.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

Notices may be given.

The Bishop prays for the life, mission and ministry of the local dioceses(s)

Almighty God, whose mercy is over all your works:

we praise you for the blessings you have poured upon your Church throughout this Diocese of . . .

Grant, we beseech you, to your servants: *N.* Bishop of their Suffragan(s) *N.*

whom you have called to be Bishops in this place, such a sense of their high calling that they may bring blessing and grace to their people.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and holiness,
patience and charity,

zeal and watchfulness,

that they may faithfully declare your truth,

acceptably intercede for your people,

and turn many to righteousness,

for your tender mercy's sake;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All stand

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord

All **Now and for ever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All **Who made heaven and earth.**

May almighty God bless you,

the ✠ Father, and the ✠ Son, and the ✠ Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Deacon of the mass says

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

During this hymn the Holy Oils are taken in procession, followed by the concelebrating clergy and bishop, to the place set aside for their distribution and collection

All hail the power of Jesus' name;

Let Angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem

To crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of light,

Who fixed this floating ball;

Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,

And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye Martyrs of your God,

Who from his altar call;

Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,

And crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call;
The God Incarnate, Man Divine,
And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
To him their hearts enthrall,
Lift high the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all.

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THE SENDING OUT

If the Diocesan or local bishop is also present they pray for the concelebrating clergy before they collect the Holy Oils in these words.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you.
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. **Amen**

The concelebrating clergy are dismissed

O Lord, remember what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve; and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

After Mass the Oils will be available for collection by the clergy or authorized lay people.

Refreshments follow Mass, please stay to enjoy a time of fellowship with one another.

THE HOLY OILS

In the Old Testament the anointing of a person with oil had a particular religious significance as it set them apart for God either as a priest (*Exodus 30: 30-32*) or as king (*1 Samuel 10: 1; 16: 12-13; 2 Samuel 5: 3*). All Christian followers are people set apart, holy to the Lord; not for their own sakes but to serve God. Christian worship assimilated this Old Testament use of oil and it is appropriate during Holy Week as we reflect on Jesus, the Christ, the 'Anointed One', that the olive oils should be blessed and made available for our use.

Historically the oils were blessed because they were needed for initiation rites during the Easter celebrations. For centuries ministers during Holy Week have joined with their Bishop in preparation for the celebration of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection and received for their parishes the oils which are used in the Church's sacramental ministry.

The first oil is **the Oil of the Sick** for use in the Church's ministry of healing and wholeness, following the example of the Apostles (*Mark 6: 13*) and the teaching of James (*James 5: 14-15*): 'Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the Church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.' Oil soothes and heals and the Oil of the Sick blessed at this service is a sign of the Anointed One; those who are anointed with the oil receive the healing, saving power of the Messiah. The anointing of the sick is linked to the sacraments of baptism and confirmation as sickness and death itself are united to the passion and death of Jesus into whose life we are baptized and transformed into signs of hope.

The Oil of Baptism awaits those who will be baptized into the life of Christ – making new Christians! We remember how in the gospels Peter acknowledged Jesus as 'the Christ' (*Mark 8: 29*), recognising him as the Lord's anointed (Christos, in Greek, Messiah in Hebrew).

As Jesus had been anointed with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at his baptism (Acts 10: 38) so from the earliest times, it became the Church's custom to trace the sign of the cross in oil (the Oil of Catechumens) on the heads of candidates for baptism, as a sign of their anointing with the Holy Spirit in union with Christ. The New Testament speaks of the gift of the Holy Spirit as anointing (1 John 2: 20; 2 Corinthians 1: 21-22).

The Oil of Chrism has perfume and balsam added to make it fragrant. The oil is used for a variety of consecrations – confirmation, at the ordination of priests and bishops, and in the consecration of church buildings and altars. As priests and monarchs in the Hebrew scriptures were anointed with oil to set them apart for God's service (*Exodus 29: 7*) so the Chrism Oil is used at the ordination of priests of the New Covenant, and at confirmations, as a sign that candidates sealed with the Spirit confirm their place in the 'royal priesthood' of Christ and the Church (*1 Peter 2: 9*) – the 'kingdom and priests serving our God' (*Revelation 5: 10*).

These are some of the biblical and historical roots which help us in our understanding of the use of these oils in the Church's sacramental ministry: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism that are blessed for our use at this Chrism Mass.

The use of the Oils

At the end of the liturgy, the Oils are distributed to the clergy and other representatives of the parishes. These oils replace those blessed last year and are used in the ministry of the Church throughout the coming year, especially at the baptisms and confirmations of Eastertide. They should be reverently kept in a secure place and be used only for the purposes for which they have been provided, by authorised ministers and according to approved rites.

RITE OF RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS FOLLOWING THE CHRISM MASS

Beloved brothers and sisters, on this most holy night we enter into the Three Great Days of our Lord's paschal victory, his death and resurrection. Those of our parish who are to be baptised this Eastertide will be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, dying to sin and rising to newness of life in him.

As we begin the celebration of the Sacred Triduum, therefore, we receive from our bishop, Luke, the holy oils blessed and consecrated by him at this year's Chrism Mass for the sacramental life of our parish. Through these holy oils, Luke our Bishop extends to us in this parish his apostolic care and ministry through the hands of his priests.

Minister: The Oil of the Sick and Dying.

By the laying on of hands and anointing with this holy oil, and with the prayerful support of the Faithful, may those who are sick experience the healing presence of Christ, and those who are dying be prepared inwardly for their journey from this world to the next. **Amen.**

Minister: The Oil of Catechumens for anointing at Holy Baptism.

Anointed with this holy oil, and assisted by the example of the Faithful in this place, may those who are to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism know that Christ calls them by name and makes them his own and shares with them his victory over sin and the power of evil. **Amen.**

Minister: The Oil of Sacred Chrism.

Anointed with this fragrant Oil of Chrism, may all who are baptised and confirmed; all who are ordained to the Order of Deacon, Priest, or Bishop in the service of God's holy people; and this parish whose house of prayer is dedicated to God's glory, fill the world with the sweet fragrance of Christ's glorious gospel and be built up as living stones into a temple filled with the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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