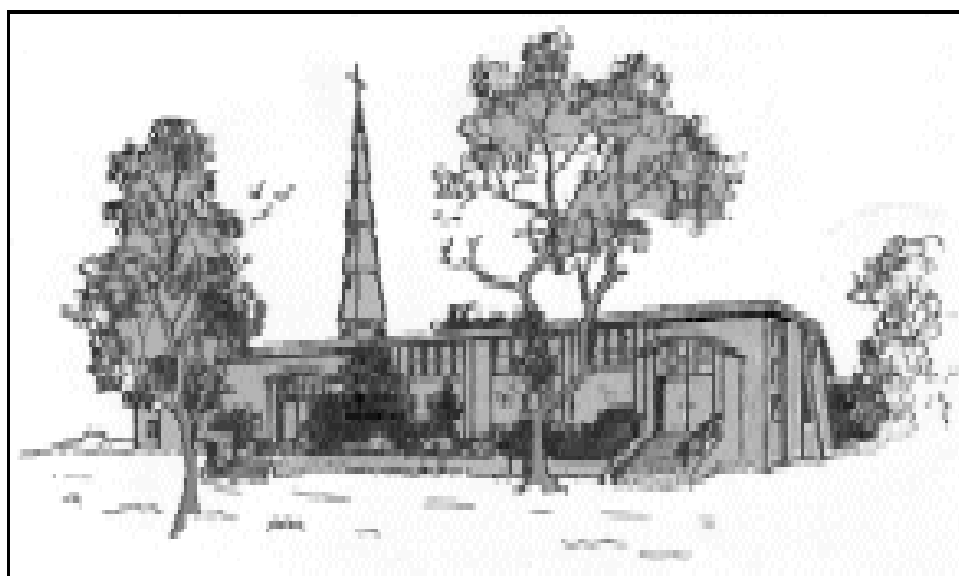




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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AHB 343(ii)

Let us proceed in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Angularis fundamentum lapis Christus missus est*

- 1 **CHRIST is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
holy Sion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.**
  
- 2 **All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.**
  
- 3 **To this temple where we call you  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with your wonted loving-kindness  
hear your people as they pray,  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.**
  
- 4 **Here vouchsafe to all your servants  
what we ask of you to gain,  
what they gain of you forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.**

5 **Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
consubstantial, co-eternal,  
while unending ages run. Amen.**

Latin c. 7th century  
Tr J. M. NEALE 1818–66 *alt.*

INTROIT *Dedication* PETER ASTON

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*These acts of prayer and penitence prepare us as a worshipping community to hear God's Word, to offer the Holy Sacrifice, and to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Priest may introduce the Liturgy.*

## PENITENTIAL RITE

*This prayer of preparation may be said.*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Deacon invites the people to recall their sins, then there is a short silence for reflection.*

**REMAIN STANDING**

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart,  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest pronounces the Absolution.*

## KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Christ, have mercy.	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*This ancient hymn of praise is sung:*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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 OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Father, each year we recall  
the dedication of this church to your service.  
Let our worship always be sincere;  
and help us to find your saving love in this church.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

*The proclamation of God's Word is always centred on Christ. Old Testament writings prepare the way for him; New Testament books speak of him directly. All Scripture calls us to believe afresh and respond in our lives.*

### THE FIRST READING

*SIT*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*Is 56:1, 6-7*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants—all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people repeat the response at the beginning, and then after each verse.*

R. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God.**

- 1 My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy  
to God, the living God. R.
- 2 The sparrow herself finds a home  
and the swallow a nest for her brood;  
she lays her young by your altars,  
Lord of hosts, my king and my God. R.
- 3 They are happy who dwell in your house  
for ever singing your praise.  
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,  
look on the face of your anointed. R.
- 4 One day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
The threshold of the house of God  
I prefer to the dwelling of the wicked. R.

## THE SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. *1 Cor 3:11, 16-17*

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SEQUENCE**

- 1 **Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

### ***Refrain***

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your Church gathered today.***

- 2 **Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.**
- 3 **Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.**
- 4 **Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.**
- 5 **Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.**

*Bernadette Farrell*

## THE ALLELUIA VERSE

STAND

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,  
That my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

*Jn 12:11-32*

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changes' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY

SIT

## Act of Rededication as God's People

*The Parish Priest addresses the people.*

**STAND**

As we thank God for the blessings we have received as members of this parish, in good times and difficult times, we acknowledge his providential hand guiding us and leading us, and calling us to serve. With great trust in God, born of our experience of his love, we now thank him for this church, and rededicate ourselves in his service.

People of St John's, Christ is the true light who has come into the world so that we might have life. Through the Gospel and the life of the Church we share in his life. Are you committed to continue along this path of faith under the guidance of Christ?

**We are.**

Are you committed to worshipping God in the faith and fellowship of the Church, seeking and celebrating his grace in word and sacrament?

**We are.**

Are you committed to building one another up in holiness and supporting one another as members of the household of faith? Will you welcome those who come seeking a spiritual home, or needing the healing care of God's people?

**We are.**

Are you committed to serving Christ, offering your lives as a living sacrifice to be sent out empowered by the Holy Spirit to live and work to his praise and glory?

**We are.**

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do all these things, grant you the strength and power to perform them.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for calling us to be your servants. Help us gladly to respond to your call and to obey your will. Make us ready for every demand you make upon our lives, that we may serve you faithfully and show forth your love to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Help us, O Lord, by your grace, to fulfil the purpose for which in your wisdom you created us and in your love you redeemed us; that all our days here upon earth may be of service to others and accomplish something of worth for your kingdom and your glory; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**STAND**

**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,  
(all bow:) *was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.***

**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.****

## THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

STAND

*As a priestly people we pray together for needs of the Church and the world.*

*After each petition:*

Lord hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**Lord hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion:*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*We prepare to participate in the Eucharist meal by expressing the unity we have with our brothers and sisters in Christ.*

We are the Body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All exchange the greeting of peace.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*NEH 210*

*Christe cunctorum Dominator alme*

- 1 **ONLY-BEGOTTEN, Word of God eternal  
Lord of Creation, merciful and mighty,  
Hear thou thy servants, when their tuneful voices  
Rise to thy presence.**
- 2 **Thus in our solemn Feast of Dedication,  
Graced with returning rites of due devotion,  
Ever thy children, year by year rejoicing,  
Chant in thy temple.**
- 3 **This is thy palace; here thy presence-chamber;  
Here may thy servants, at thy mystic banquet,  
Daily adoring, take thy body broken,  
Drink of thy chalice.**
- 4 **Here for thy children stands the holy laver,  
Fountain of pardon for the guilt of Adam,  
Cleansed by whose water springs a race anointed:  
Servants of Jesus.**
- 5 **Here in our sickness, healing grace aboundeth,  
Light in our blindness, in our toil refreshment;  
Sin is forgiven, hope o'er fear prevaieth,  
Joy over sorrow.**
- 6 **Hallowed this dwelling where the Lord abideth,  
This is none other than the gate of heaven;  
Strangers and pilgrims, seeking homes eternal,  
Pass through its portals.**

7 **Lord, we beseech thee, as we throng thy temple  
By thy past blessings, by thy present bounty,  
Smile on thy children, and with tender mercy  
Hear our petitions.**

8 **God in Three Persons, Father everlasting,  
Son co-eternal ever-blessed Spirit,  
Thine be the glory, praise and adoration,  
Now and for ever. Amen.**

Latin c. 9th century  
Tr M.J. BLACKER 1822–88 *Alt.*

*During the Hymn the Priest receives the gifts. He offers the bread and wine to God.*

**STAND**

Pray, dear friends, that our sacrifice 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 Church.**

*The Priest then says the Prayer over the Gifts*

Lord, as we recall the day you filled this church  
with your glory and holiness,  
may our lives also become an acceptable offering to you.  
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*In this prayer we give thanks to God for all he has done for us in Christ; by the Power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become for us the Body and Blood of Christ; and we offer ourselves with Christ to the Father.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*The Priest continues with the Preface, after which all say:*

**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.**

*KNEEL*

*The Priest continues with the Prayer of Consecration.*

*After the Words of Institution, when he has replaced the chalice on the altar and genuflected, the Priest says:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer with these words:*

. . . in songs of never-ending praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION RITE

*We make our final preparation to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer.*

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

Deliver, us Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*As he begins to break the Bread, the Priest says:*

We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one Bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us your peace.**

*The Priest then invites the people to Communion:*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You are the temple of God, and God's spirit dwells in you.  
The temple of God is holy; you are that temple.

*Those who are to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing come forward.*

MOTET      *I have surely built thee an house*      WILLIAM BOYCE

#### COMMUNION HYMN    *NEH 208*

- 1    IN our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer  
      For the saints who before us have found their reward;  
      When the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,  
      But now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.**

- 2 In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,  
He called them away from our worship below;  
But not till his love, at the font and the altar,  
Had girt them with grace for the way they should go.
- 3 These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,  
And dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;  
Yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,  
And still they were seeking the city of God.
- 4 Sing praise then, for all who here sought and here found him,  
Whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:  
They believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,  
Where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.

WILLIAM DRAPER 1855–1933

CONCLUDING RITE

STAND

*The Priest says the Post-Communion prayer*

Let us pray.

Lord, we know the joy and power  
of your blessing in our lives.  
As we celebrate the dedication of this church,  
may we give ourselves once more to your service.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Priest gives the blessing and all respond: **Amen.***

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**FINAL HYMN**    *NEH 477* [T. Blaenwern 408(i)]

- 1    **YE that know the Lord is gracious,  
      Ye for whom a Corner-stone  
      Stands, of God elect and precious,  
      Laid that ye may build thereon,  
      See that on that sure foundation  
      Ye a living temple raise,  
      Towers that may tell forth salvation,  
      Walls that may re-echo praise.**
  
- 2    **Living stones, by God appointed  
      Each to his allotted place,  
      Kings and priests, by God anointed,  
      Shall ye not declare his grace?  
      Ye, a royal generation,  
      Tell the tidings of your birth,  
      Tidings of a new creation  
      To an old and weary earth.**
  
- 3    **Tell the praise of him who called you  
      Out of darkness into light,  
      Broke the fetters that enthralled you  
      Gave you freedom, peace and sight:  
      Tell that tale of sins forgiven,  
      Strength renewed and hope restored,  
      Till the earth, in tune with heaven,  
      Praise and magnify the Lord.**

C.A. ALINGTON 1872–1955

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