

The United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway



Synod Eucharist 2022

Saturday 5th March 2022

WELCOME

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil. For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR SYNOD

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth. Bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of this Synod of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. Keep us steadfast in faith and united in love, that we may reveal your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61.1-9

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
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 feed your flocks,
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;
but you shall be called priests of the Lord,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.
Because their shame was double,
and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us:
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING

James 5.13-16a

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

For the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us:

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 4.16-21

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. 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 bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

BISHOP’S CHARGE

The Rt Rev Kevin Pearson

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY

Bishop: The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ and the dwelling of the Holy Spirit. In this Synod Eucharist, I invite the clergy of the diocese and representatives from each congregation to renew their commitment to ministry.

Firstly, I address those of us who have been ordained. As bishops, priests and deacons, we have been ordained to ministries of oversight, care and loving service.

Bishop: Do you recommit yourselves to this ministry?

Clergy: By the help of God we do.

Bishop: Now I address the whole synod. As members of the People of God in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, God calls us all to proclaim the love of God and to show forth God’s grace in the world.

Bishop: Do you recommit yourselves to this ministry?

Members of Synod: By the help of God we do.

Bishop: May the Lord who has called you to this work, and given you the will to undertake it, also give you grace to perform it.

Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE OILS

Three vessels of oil are placed on the altar in front of the Bishop.

Taking the oil of the sick for the anointing of the sick and dying, the bishop says:

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful, creator of heaven and earth. Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress. He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might praise your name for ever. By the power of your Spirit may this oil be blessed, that those who are anointed with it in your name may be made whole in body, mind and spirit, restored in your image, renewed in your love, and serve you as beloved children in your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

Taking the oil of catechumens, for anointing candidates at the start of their preparation for baptism, the bishop says:

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, the protector of all who believe in you. Your anointed Son overcame the powers of evil when he was lifted high upon the cross. By the power of your Spirit may this oil be blessed, to be to those who are anointed with it a sign of your grace, bringing salvation to all.

Blessed be God for ever.

Taking the oil of Chrism for anointing at baptisms, confirmations and at ordinations and for the consecration of churches and altars, the bishop says:

Blessed are you, Sovereign God and Eternal Father, upholding by your grace all who hear your call. By the power of your Spirit may this Chrism be blessed, to sanctify the place of worship and offering, and to be for those who are anointed with it a sign of joy and gladness as they share in the royal priesthood of the New Covenant and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

PEACE

We meet in Christ's name. **Let us share his peace.**

OFFERING

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son, enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your spirit frees us to live as beloved children in our Father's house. We, who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the Firstborn, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: 'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: 'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.'

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body, to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

Amen.

BREAKING OF BREAD

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

Lord, unite us in this sign.

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, so we 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. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

God of infinite mercy,

we thank you for Jesus our Saviour,

who feeds his people and gives them eternal life.

Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine,

we thank you that we do receive Christ's saving presence,

the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

Grant that we may continue for ever in the risen life of our Saviour.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to our gracious God, **whose mercy endures for ever.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of Compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

INSTALLATION OF A NEW CANON

Dean: Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you Paul Watson, duly elected by the House of Clergy as a Canon of this Cathedral Church.

Bishop: Since he has already made the required declarations of fidelity and service, we welcome Paul with the prayer that he will be enabled by God to fulfil the duties and responsibilities assigned to him and that in his priestly ministry he may always be a good example to the whole flock of Christ, and that among his fellow clergy he may give wise counsel, faithful leadership and loving sympathy.

The new canon is led to his stall by the Provost.

Bishop: As Bishop of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, I assign to you Paul, this stall as Canon of this Cathedral Church.

Seek diligently the spirit of wisdom and knowledge; be faithful in your ministry, love all people; and may the spirit of the living God fill you with strength, joy and peace in loving service.

May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in.

From this time forth, for evermore.

CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD