



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL • GRAFTON

open doors ... open hearts ... open minds

A liturgy for the

Blessing of Oils

and

Renewal of Ministry



Chrism Mass
10 April 2019

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Processional Hymn

**Here and now we're drawn together:
hold us all in one embrace.
Help us see, in one another,
difference as a gift of grace.
As each passing generation
worships you in fresh new ways,
join our songs with all creation,
lift our voice to sing your praise.**

**Lord, affirm our shared vocation:
may we bring your plans to birth,
build a church on Christ's foundation,
fit to tend a troubled earth.
Growing, praying, sharing, learning,
deep in wisdom, broad in scope,
love-revealing, truth-discerning,
living out the gospel hope.**

**In your work of transformation
you are making all things new.
Stir our hearts' imagination,
call us now to work with you.
As we live the Great Commission
all will find their part to play:
Send us out to share your mission,
joyful in the world today.**

Ally Burnett. Used with permission. (Tune: *Abbots Leigh*)

The Bishop greets the people.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you.
And also with you.

Confession

The Deacon says

Come, let us return to the Lord and let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Bishop says

Almighty God have mercy on you
forgive you your sins
and keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

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 his suffering and his victory
may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
through 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.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

[Isaiah 61.1-3a, 6a, 8b-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 favor, 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. ... you shall be called priests of the LORD, you shall be named ministers of our God ... 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.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 89

[21-22, 25 & 27]

R. I will sing of the loving kindness of the Lord forever.

I have found David, my servant.
I have anointed him with my holy oil,
With him my hand shall be established.
My arm will strengthen him. **R/**

My faithfulness and my loving kindness will be with him.
In my name, his horn will be exalted.
He will call to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation!' **R/**

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

May the mind of Christ my Saviour [TIS 609]

**May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.**

**May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.**

**May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self denying,
this is victory.**

**May I run the race before me
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.**

Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859 – 1928) *alt.*

The Gospel

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke (4:16–21)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus 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 favor." 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."

This is the gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

THE RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY

The Bishop says

My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of bread and wine. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant. I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace.

The Bishop addresses the licenced lay ministers

As you undertake your ministry you are called to be faithful in prayer and by word and example to minister to those for whom Christ died. Will you do all that is in your power to witness to God's love for his people?

By the help of God, I will.

The Bishop addresses those who have been ordained as deacons

At your ordination as a deacon, you received the yoke of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, to build up God's people in his truth and serve them in his name?

By the help of God, I will.

The Bishop addresses those who have been ordained as priests

At your ordination to the priesthood, you took authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in his name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of his New Covenant. Will you continue as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, preaching the gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

By the help of God, I will.

The Bishop addresses all the ministers

May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God who calls you is faithful, and God will accomplish it.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for all who minister within the life of the Church, that they may be constant in prayer, steadfast in faith, and serve your people with joy.

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

We pray for our deacons, that the Lord may pour upon them the riches of his grace. Pray that he who has called them to his service may make them worthy of his calling.

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

We pray for our priests. Ask the Lord to bless them with the fullness of his love, that they may be faithful ministers of his word and sacrament, and lead his people in the way of salvation.

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

We pray for Murray our Bishop. Grant him wisdom, patience, humour and strength as he leads us in mission and ministry.

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

We pray for the families of those who minister, for their homes, and for all with whom they share their lives.

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

The Bishop says

May the Lord in his love keep us ever close to him, and may he bring us all to the fullness of eternal life. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

**May this place be one of nurture
where we all may come to know
how your endless love sustains us
as we live and move and grow.
May we work to build your kingdom
full of truth and light and grace,
living life in all its fullness
held in one divine embrace.**

**For our negligence and failures
you have called us to repent,
drawing energy for action
from the voices of lament.
As the secret hurts long hidden
may at last be brought to light,
may the truth unlock the freedom
that is every person's right.**

**When the smallest child is valued,
and the strong empower the weak,
and each human life is hallowed
and the unheard voices speak:
then your justice stands like mountains
and your mercy falls like rain,
and you hold the broken hearted
till they learn to live again.**

**So in gratitude we praise you,
and we lift to you in prayer,
all the people you are calling
to this ministry of care.
Give us wisdom, grace and courage,
holding fast to all that's good,
seeing Christ in one another
we will love and serve our Lord.**

Ally Burnett. Used with permission. (Tune: *Gaelic Air*)

THE BLESSING OF THE OILS

The Bishop says

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 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. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:13–16)

As the oil is presented the Dean says

The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying. We pray that all who are anointed with this oil may be made whole in body, mind and spirit, restored in God's image and renewed in God's love.

As the oil is presented the Dean says

The oil of the catechumens. We pray that all who are anointed with this oil may be strengthened in their fight against sin, the world and the devil.

As oil mixed with fragrant perfume is presented the Dean says

The oil of chrism. We pray that all anointed with this chrism in your name may share in the royal priesthood of the New Covenant and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The congregation prays in silence and then the Bishop prays

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness,

and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

In your mercy you uphold all who hear your call answering the
prayers of all who put their trust in you.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on all anointed with these oils.

May they be a sign of your healing, strengthening and covenant
promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through whom and with whom
we lift our voices of thanks and praise.

Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right and good
always and everywhere to give you thanks
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit
you anointed him to be the servant of all
and ordained that he should enter into your kingdom
through suffering.

And now he stands by us and pours out for our healing
the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope.
In your wisdom and love you anoint your holy people
to be a royal priesthood,
to share in Christ's suffering
and to reveal his glory to the world.

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.

**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.**

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, on 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.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 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 Holy Spirit.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.
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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The Bishop breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus dei (Lamb of God)

**Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The Bishop says

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Holy things for holy people.
Broken things for broken people.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Missional Hymn

As a chalice cast of gold [TIS 476]

**As a chalice cast of gold,
burnished bright and brimmed with wine,
make me, Lord, as fit to hold
grace and truth and love divine.
Let my praise and worship start
with the cleansing of my heart.**

**Save me from the soothing sin
of the empty cultic deed
and the pious, babbling din
of the claimed but unlived creed.
Let my actions, Lord, express
what my tongue and lips profess.**

**When I bend upon my knees,
clasp my hands or bow my head,
let my spoken, public pleas
be directly, simply said
free of tangled words that mask
what my soul would plainly ask.**

**When I dance or chant your praise,
when I sing a psalm or hymn,
when I preach your loving ways,
let my heart add its amen.
Let each cherished, outward rite
thus reflect your inward light.**

Thomas Henry Troeger 1945–

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Bishop says:

'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

Let us pray.

Good Shepherd,
you have welcomed us at your table
and have anointed us with the oil of gladness:
may your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life,
that we may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out by the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

The Bishop says the Blessing.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord

now and for ever. Amen.

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.

Amen.

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Deacon may say

Go in peace of Christ:

Thanks be to God.

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Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday in Holy Week

On each of these three days there will be a **morning Eucharist** in the Cathedral: 8.30am on Monday & Tuesday, 10.00am on Wednesday.

At **Evening Prayer** on each of these days, Bishop Murray will be offering a short sermon on the significance of the Cross. These services commence at 5.15pm and will include a hymn as well as the Bishop's address. The evening services will be live streamed so other people around the diocese can participate even if not able to be at the Cathedral.

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