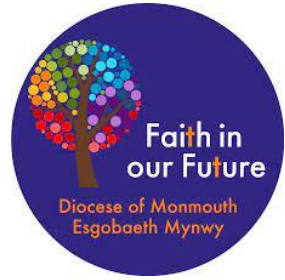


Diocese of Monmouth

A Eucharist to celebrate Gratitude



The Gathering

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

Yn enw'r Tad,
a'r Mab,
a'r Ysbryd Glân. **Amen.**

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,
and enter his courts with praise.

Give thanks to the Lord
and bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.

cf. Psalm 100.4-5

Words of introduction may be used.

**Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you.
No secrets are hidden from you.
Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit
that we may love and worship you faithfully,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

As those who know the generosity of God,
let us confess our sins,
especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for granted.

Creative God, you have gifted us with your creation,
yet we take your good gifts for granted;
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Gracious God, you bless us each day,
yet we forget to be thankful;
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Generous God, you offer new life through your Son,
yet we turn away from you;
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 122

Response: How lovely is your dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts.

I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem;. **Response**

Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.
Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. **Response**

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'
For my kindred and companions' sake,
I will pray that peace be with you.
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good. **Response**

The Second Reading

Romans 13.11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious:
for his mercy endures for ever.

Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 24.36-44

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 'For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 'Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 'But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

THE SERMON

AN AFFIRMATION OF THE FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.**

A Litany of Thanksgiving

This may be used here or instead of the Intercession.

Let us give thanks to God
for his gifts so generously given to us,
and for the blessings we each abundantly receive.

For the beauty of creation,
for the wonder of new life,
for all things seen and unseen.

We give you thanks, O God.

For the gift of life that you breathe into us,
for minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve.

We give you thanks, O God.

For our families and friends,
for all who we love and who love us,
for your image revealed through those around us.

We give you thanks, O God.

For life of your church,
its vibrancy and diversity,
for the mission in which we all share.

We give you thanks, O God.

For the vocations in which you call us,
for the skills which are nurtured and grow,
for our ministries in all walks of life.

We give you thanks, O God.

For your creativity planted in each person,
for voices to sing our praises to you,
for our capacity to create.

We give you thanks, O God.

For your love which brings us peace even in the darkest of times,
for your strength when we feel weak and vulnerable,
for your hope when all seems lost.

We give you thanks, O God.

For all financial gifts offered to our church,
for blessings offered to be a blessing to others,
for sacrifices made to further mission and enable us to be Christ
in the world.

We give you thanks, O God.

For the generosity of this community,
for all who give their time and skills,
for the gifts which are built up and encouraged,
for acts which point beyond themselves and reveal your glory.

We give you thanks, O God.

For you, O God,
for your beauty revealed in all things around us,
for love and life everlasting.

We give you thanks, O God.

For the wisdom of your Spirit,
for gifts given and nurtured,
for sustaining us in prayer.

We give you thanks, O God.

For your Son, Jesus Christ,
for the gift of his perfect sacrifice,
for our hope in him, and the joy of serving his Church.

We give thanks to you, O God.

The Intercession

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

The Peace

May we be made strong, enduring everything with patience,
while joyfully giving thanks to the Father,
who has enabled us to share
in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The Thanksgiving

This prayer may be said:

God of all creation,
the source of life and giver of all good things;
through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.
With them we offer our lives;
that we may be used to serve others,
and give you glory.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The President takes the bread and the cup and says:

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread, we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.**

THE EUCHARISTIC 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 our thanks and praise.

Eternal God and Father,
all things are in your making.

In fulfilment of your promise
you have showered us with blessings
and filled us with your gifts.

You form us in your image, the first fruits of your creation,
and by your Holy Spirit embed within us generous hearts
that we may be channels of your self-giving love.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
you have freed us from our sins
and made us a kingdom of priests
to serve you with joy for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Hear us, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Through him accept our sacrifice of praise,
and grant that, by the power of your Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us his body and his blood;

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 from this, all of you;
for 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, Father,
remembering the saving death and resurrection of your Son
we offer to you in thanksgiving this bread and this cup,
your gifts to us,
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us
who share this bread and this cup.
Strengthen our faith, make us one
and welcome us and all your people
into the glorious kingdom of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence

Coming before you with thankful hearts,
as our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us
our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**Ein Tad,
yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd,
sancteiddier dy enw,
deled dy deyrnas,
gwneler dy ewyllys;
megis yn y nef,
felly ar y ddaear hefyd.
Dyro i ni heddiw
ein bara beunyddiol
a maddau i
ni ein dyledion,
fel y maddeuwn
ninnau i'n dyledwyr.
Ac nac arwain
ni i brofedigaeth;
eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas,
a'r gallu, a'r gogoniant,
yn oes oesoedd. Amen.**

The Communion

The President breaks the bread.

**We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

**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.**

The President invites the people to Communion:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Sending Out

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

Gracious God,
around your table we taste your generosity
and your sacrificial love;
help us to be rooted, grafted and built in you,
that in all we are and all we do,
we may show forth abundant thanksgiving
and live lives of immeasurable gratitude;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Generous God,
you have fed us at your heavenly table.
Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit
that when the Lord comes again
we may shine as lights before him,
who is alive and reigns
in glory for ever. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The God of grace enrich us in every way,
with hearts overflowing with thanksgiving to God;

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

A bendith
Duw hollalluog,
y Tad, y Mab,
a'r Ysbryd Glân
a fo yn eich plith
ac a drigo gyda chwi yn wastad.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.