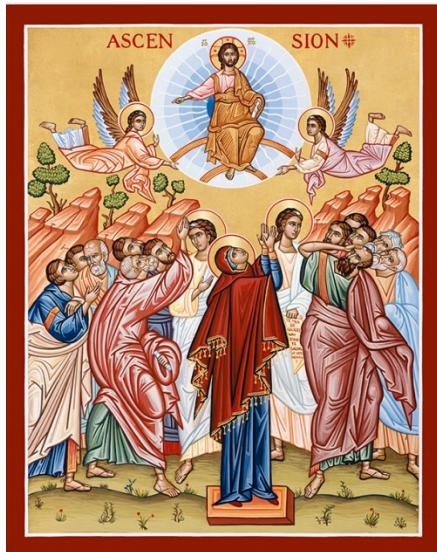


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The Ascension.
'Why do you stand about looking in the sky?' Acts 1: 11.

The Parish Eucharist
for
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday 16th May 2021 at 10.00 a.m.
Online at zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>

Prayer thoughts: If you were to ask people: 'What are the characteristics of a Christian?' they would probably come up with a range of descriptions, but how many would say that Christians were joyful? Indeed, have not Christians sometimes been thought of as 'killjoys' too concerned about inflicting negative criticisms and a list of 'don'ts' which stop others enjoying life. In today's Gospel we see that even in the face of great personal suffering Jesus prayed his disciples would have his joy.

Jesus' whole life was characterised by joy. Before his birth his 'presence' brought joy. The Christmas stories tell how his birth was a time of joy. When the Magi saw the baby Jesus they were 'overjoyed.' The message of the 'angels' was: 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy.' And the scriptures encourage us to be joyful too. Of course, sometimes we find ourselves overwhelmed and without much to be joyful about. This is the context in which St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians (1 Thess. 5:16) and Philippians (4:4), understanding their position, but still calling upon them to 'Rejoice always.' He wrote also to the Galatians (5:22) encouraging them to see that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' Part of his message is that we can come to think only about things which trouble us. An example is the church, which has much to be joyful about, but which often focuses only on problems and the things which divide. Yet, if communities and churches found more time to spend rejoicing with one another there would be less time to fall out.

Joy unites and Jesus prayed that his disciples may find unity in joy - 'may be one as we are one.' One of the tragedies of the church - of all the great religions - is our history of division, condemnation and competition. It's incredible that whilst people across the world read this scripture message we still keep old divisions alive. Of course, we can blame people down through history, but it is us in this generation who now perpetuate the wrongs of the past and refuse to move outside comfort zones and allow the power of agape/love to transcend differences and unite. Whilst the 'body of Christ' on earth is divided we are called to work together so that those who seek Christ's goodness may find him in a joyful and united body, which draws attention to itself for the right reasons and has a relevant message to share.

Of course, we often seek joyful fulfilment in things which cannot stand the test of time and leave us disappointed. Yet, the message is that we can still have joy because we still have a future. Jesus encouraged us to remember this to sustain us when times are difficult and to know that, if we have to endure mourning, hunger, persecution, nevertheless 'rejoice and be glad for great is your reward in heaven' (Mt 5:3-13). In other words, Jesus encouraged us to recognise that we can be joyful, in spite of our circumstances, when we gain a right perspective and stop seeing this moment as the be all and end all of our existence - for the best is yet to come.

St Paul spoke of this perspective in practical terms when, writing to the Corinthians (2Cor. 8:1-2), he pointed out that though the members of the church in Macedonia had severe trials yet still they had a joy which enabled them to be generous in caring for others. It was this joy which encouraged Paul and his companions to keep on (2Corinthians. 6:4). St Peter expressed the same viewpoint in his first letter to the whole Church (1 Peter 1:6-9). The scriptural theme and message is clear - take care about the focus of our lives and make sure we have an 'eternal' perspective.

If, today, we are poor at sharing the Gospel perhaps this is because we have lost confidence in that it really is 'good news.' Perhaps as Christians we are sometimes depicted as 'worthy' individuals, but are we joyful about sharing the good news? After all, commitment to Christ makes life better not worse. This is St Jude's message too where he also writes to encourage us to be joyful (Jude 1:24-25): 'To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy...now and forevermore. Amen.' Joy draws from a deep spring that keeps flowing long after transient sad and happy times have passed. Joy overcomes the tears of life because it hopes in the promise of the world to come. When at times the world becomes tired and grey with grief and worry then 'joy' enables us to take heart, to encourage one another ,and to find unity in 'consecration to the truth.' (Jn 17:19). God bless.

The Parish Eucharist for the Seventh Sunday of Easter 2021

The Sunday after Ascension Day

Please do share in this online service from your own home - you might like to join in the words in bold and sing out the hymns. You may not want to stand or kneel as usual, but perhaps find a comfortable position that helps you. Perhaps think about how you focus your attention in such ways as how you hold your hands - such as holding them palms upwards - to offer thanksgiving and to receive God's love and blessing. May God bless us as individuals and as a community as we worship him together.

The present rules and guidelines about attendance, singing & speaking in churches will be followed carefully. This Sunday only the priest, the musicians and the zoom operator can be at St John's church building.

HYMN - Charles Wesley's hymn for the Ascension.

Hail the day that sees him rise, *Alleluia,*
to his throne above the skies; *Alleluia,*
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, *Alleluia,*
enters now the highest heaven. *Alleluia!*

Lord, though parted from our sight, *Alleluia,*
far above the starry height, *Alleluia,*
grant our hearts may thither rise, *Alleluia,*
seeking thee above the skies. *Alleluia!*

THE GATHERING

Priest In the name of God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

The priest may introduce the Eucharist.

THE GREETING

The greeting proclaims the presence of the Lord with us. The Penitential Rite, the Gloria and the Opening Prayer follow. The purpose of these preliminary rites is to help the people, gathered for the celebration of the Eucharist, to join with each other as a worshipping community, and to prepare to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist - the Great Thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you
All And also with you.
Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

We call to mind our sins to repent of them / turn from them and to ask forgiveness of God and each other.

The Invitation to Confession.

My dear sisters and brothers, as we come together as God's family to celebrate the Easter mysteries, let us ask with confidence the Father's forgiveness for our sins, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

A pause for silent reflection follows.

Priest Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution
+ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.
All Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!

THE COLLECT

Priest Let us pray that the risen and ascended Christ will raise us up and renew our lives and our world.

Together we spend a few moments in silence, realising, and giving thanks, that we are in the presence of God our Father to whom we make our prayers. The priest 'collects' our prayerful thoughts this Eastertide 2021.

Priest O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Liturgy of the Word consists of readings from the scriptures; a sermon/homily, which expounds the readings; the Profession of Faith, which is the Creed of God's people; and the Prayer of the Faithful or General Intercessions in which the people of God intercede for all humankind and all creation.

In the Liturgy of the Word God speaks to us of redemption and salvation and nourishes us with his 'word.' We are not only listening to past history. The God who speaks to Israel and to the early Church speaks to us today through the power of the Holy Spirit working within us as we listen to him and as he reveals the pattern for our lives. 'The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double edged sword but more finely...it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts' (The Letter to the Hebrews 4:12).

THE FIRST READING - THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1: 15 - 17, 20 - 26. - Read by Peter Tanner

Reader A reading from The Acts of the Apostles. *In this first reading we hear of the election of Matthias to take the place of Judas - 'the one who chose to be lost' - and to join the Apostles as one who gives witness to the wonder of the Lord's Resurrection.*

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brethren - there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brethren, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus - after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours.

'In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus travelled with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when the Lord was taken up from us - someone who can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his place.' Then they drew lots and the lot fell to Matthias and so he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

At the end of the reading:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Now we hear the Gospel (the Good News) and acknowledge that we are his people and called to be part of his mission to the world inasmuch as we share his message and his life with faith, hope and love.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord; *John 14:18*

I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING - ST JOHN'S GOSPEL 17: 11 - 19.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you .**

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

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

In the Gospel we hear Jesus pray for his first disciples and for us asking his Father for everything he knows we need as he sends us out into the world to continue his mission united in joy. During the coming week let's pray for the grace to recognise the gifts we have been given and for a greater awareness of how we can use them generously in showing our love for others.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name,
so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name.

I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost,
and this in fulfilment of the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you and so while still in the world I say these things to share my joy
with them to the full.

I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more
than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one.
They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

At the end of the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

We are a Eucharistic community in word and sacrament. Through the readings God has spoken to his people of his redeeming love and of the nourishment which his Spirit gives. Our priest now reflects with us on the readings of the day relating them to our Eucharistic celebration and to our ordinary life.

After the sermon there is a short period of silent reflection.

THE PROFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH - THE CREED

We make the profession of faith in response to the word of God written in the Gospels and spoken in the sermon. We testify that God is our Father who gives us new life through his Son and who calls us together in the power of his Spirit to be a Eucharistic people, a 'thanksgiving people', a living community of his abiding self-giving love.

All

We believe and trust in God the Father who made the world.

We believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God. Amen

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL OR GENERAL INTERCESSION

We are invited to pray for the needs of the Church's mission and for all people. Through baptism we have been made one with Christ, our great high priest, and we share in his intercessions before the Father for the needs of his Church and of all people. Our intercessions flow from our listening to the Gospel and sermon by which we have been made more aware of our Christian commitment.

This Prayer of the Faithful, or General Intercession, is announced and consists of a series of intercessions; we pray for the universal Church and its mission and for our bishop and for our benefice - our parishes and our two Church schools; for the world, for our Queen and country, for our local communities, families and friends; for the sick and suffering and for all in pain; for the departed. And in communion with Mary, St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist and all the Saints of God we entrust one another and all people and all creation to God's saving love.

Priest: In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with the risen and ascended Christ, let us pray to the Father.

The deacon or minister continues:

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the resurrection and ascension of Christ. Shed his light on all the world and give to us grace to live to share his Gospel. We pray your blessing on Justin our Archbishop, Steven our Bishop, Olivia our area Bishop, and the mission and ministry of your Church in this benefice - our parishes and our schools of St Mary's and St John's.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen. Give grace to our Government, to our Parliament, to our District and Village Councils and to all in authority that they may govern with justice, wisdom and compassion and seek the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, bless our families and friends and all our relationships. May our love and care for one another witness to the love of the risen and ascended Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray to you for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit...

May the love of the risen and ascended Christ bring them comfort and may the hope of the resurrection and ascension give them peace.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we remember before you all who have gone before us...

We pray, in the hope of the resurrection and ascension, that we may be united for ever in the joy of heaven.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the communion of the Blessed Mother, St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist and all the Saints, and we commend all creation to your unfailing love.

Priest

Merciful Father

All

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

At the Last Supper Christ 'took some bread and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "This is my body which will be given for you; do this in remembrance of me". He did the same with the cup...' (Luke 22:19-20). The Church, joyfully obedient to the Lord's command, celebrates the Eucharist taking care that our 'liturgy' corresponds to the words and actions of Christ: 1) Taking bread and wine - we take our own gifts to the Altar, such as our time and talents and our money for the poor and for ministry. 2) Giving thanks (the meaning of the word Eucharist) - in the Eucharistic Prayer the priest, in the name of us all, says the great hymn of our thanksgiving to God for the whole work of salvation, in which the offerings become the Body and Blood of Christ. 3) The breaking of the one bread is a sign of the unity of the faithful – a sign of the unity which comes through sharing in Christ. 4) And in Holy Communion we receive Christ. In this way, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, the Church tries to carry out what the Lord asked his disciples to do in remembrance of him.

THE PEACE

We acknowledge and give thanks for our unity with one another in Jesus Christ our Lord, which his death and resurrection have brought to us. He is the peace between us. The sign of peace echoes Christ's own resurrection greeting to his disciples. Before we share in the same bread we express our love for one another in Christ and pray for peace and unity (cf Luke 1.78,79).

Priest

Jesus said: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'

John 14.27,28

All

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All

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

THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

The peoples' gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar. The offerings of money is made and promised to support the wider ministry and work of the Church. Taking the Gifts: We give thanks to God for the gifts in the following words.

Priest

BREAD

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All

Blessed be God for ever.

WINE

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All

Blessed be God for ever.

OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURE/MONEY

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have the gifts of our time, talents and money to offer. May our offerings of our gifts be a sincere sign of our gratitude and our dedication to your service.

All

Blessed be God for ever.

*The priest prays quietly: Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble, contrite and thankful hearts.
The priest washes hands as an expression of the desire for inward purification, praying quietly: Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Priest

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

All

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.

Priest

Amen.

Lord, may the prayers and offerings of your people be sincere and so renew us in faith, hope and love.

All

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer is the centre and high point of the whole Christian celebration. This great prayer of praise and thanksgiving proclaims the wonderful works of God and through it we join ourselves with Christ in praise and thanksgiving to God the Father and in offering ourselves to him in union with Christ's self-offering on the cross. We express our share in the prayer, which is said by the priest on behalf of all the people, by listening inwardly and joining in the acclamations (joyful shouts or songs) and the Sanctus (the Holy, Holy, Holy which concludes the preface), the memorial acclamation and the great 'Amen' which concludes our Eucharistic Prayer.

Priest

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Preface praises God for his mighty acts:

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope;
for where he has gone before we hope to follow.

The joy of the resurrection and ascension renews the whole world,
and so with all the choirs of heaven we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

All

**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.

We pray to the Father for the sending down of the Holy Spirit and recall the Lord's Supper.

Priest

Lord, you are most holy, enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal to us the power of your love
made perfect in human frailty, brokenness and weakness.
Embracing our suffering humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free
from the bonds of fear and pride and sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.
As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your life-giving Holy Spirit
may these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.
On the night he gave himself up for us all he 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection,
his bursting forth from the dark of the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory. Form us into the likeness of Christ Jesus
and make us a perfect offering of love in your sight. Look with favour on all your people
and in your mercy hear the cries of the broken-hearted.

Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed and downtrodden go free
and fill your Church with grace and courage and power from on high to do your loving will.
Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with the Blessed Mother Mary,
St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist and all your Saints at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The communion rite lays strong emphasis on peace, unity and our prayer for forgiveness. We come together to the Lord's table in accordance with the Lord's command, 'Take, eat... take, drink', as a community bound together by the love of God manifest in Christ. We can all be confident in Christ's mercy as we respond to his call to come to his table. Our communal recitation of the Lord's Prayer - the prayer he taught us - prepares us for Holy Communion with our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest

Looking for the coming of his kingdom, as our Saviour taught us, so let us pray:

All

**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.

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest takes the host and breaks it over the cup, praying quietly: 'May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.' 'Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread' (1 Corinthians 10:17) Christ's gesture of breaking bread with his disciples at the Last Supper gave the Eucharist the name of the 'breaking of bread.'. This gesture signifies that we who share one bread and one cup are made one. The breaking of the Eucharistic bread becomes a sign of unity and charity as the one bread is distributed to the family of God's people.

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

The priest prepares quietly for Holy Communion. We may all join quietly in this prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit your death brought life to the world. By your holy body and blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to your teaching, and never let me be parted from you.

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Priest Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. *cf. John 1: 29*

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

The sign of communion is more complete when given under both 'kinds' since then the sign of the eucharistic meal appears more clearly. However, we live in exceptional times when communion can only be given in one 'kind' when we can come to church.

The priest takes the host, raises it a little and shows it saying: The Body of Christ. And the same with the cup saying: The Blood of Christ. When receiving Holy Communion the response and assent to Christ is:

+ Amen.

HYMN DURING HOLY COMMUNION

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

After Holy Communion we may keep a further period of silence.

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Priest Let us pray

The priest invites us all to pray that the Holy Eucharist will have its effect in transforming our lives and bring us all to God's kingdom. We pray together silently for a while before the Post Communion prayer.

Priest Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE NOTICES FOR THE COMMUNITY ARE GIVEN.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

THE BLESSING

Priest God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to share faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

All Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
give you hope as you follow in his way.

All Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful in the service of Christ's love.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

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