

# The Stratfield Mortimer Benefice of

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## The Parish Sunday Eucharist

The Second Sunday after Trinity

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021, at 10.00 a.m. at St. John's, Mortimer  
and online at zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>**

**Prayer thoughts:** Perhaps one reason why people get discouraged is because we so easily become 'victims' of 'bigness.' Countries vie with each other to claim the greatest growth. Corporations are proud when their mega-company gets top place on a financial index. Cities speak of mega-malls. Consumer magazines speak of mega-wealth and mega-houses. And sometimes Christians speak of mega-churches. Yet, in contrast Jesus spoke of the importance of 'small' things - e.g. a mustard seed, a cup of cold water, a widow's mite, a kindness done to the least of people. And in this Sunday's parable he reminds us that the size of the bush and the healthy spread of the branches depend on the vitality of the seed. The message is that when it comes to the Kingdom of God we just have to go on and plant the seed - a mother's prayer, a father's encouragement, one person's joy in the face adversity, another person's imagination in the face of a big problem.

**We need to try to avoid getting discouraged.** Acceptance of God's way of doing things can be a slow process for human beings and there is always the danger of discouragement and hopelessness. Yet, understanding that the growth of the Kingdom is God's work - with our humble cooperation, of course - should encourage us to be hopeful as we see that we can all plant tiny seeds in the form of words of love, deeds of mercy and forgiveness, acts of encouragement, and in becoming generous good stewards. For example, parents and teachers can plant all sorts of wonderful seeds in the minds of their children and students, but then they too must learn to trust - trust the Holy Spirit to touch hearts and nurture the growth of the kingdom in hearts and lives.

**Simple actions can help.** Those 'seeds' may be the simplest little acts of kindness, which take root and bear fruit and help the Kingdom to grow. Of course, we never really know how something we do will affect someone else and we might not think that what we did was important and yet to another person it could have made a world of difference. Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God is like that: seeds are scattered and the very tiniest produces an enormous harvest. Recently, someone told how Oscar Wilde had written of an incident that had profound meaning for his life. He was being brought by police from prison to the Court of Bankruptcy when he saw an old acquaintance waiting in the crowd. Wilde writes: *'He performed an action so sweet and simple that it has remained with me ever since. He simply raised his hat to me and gave me the kindest smile that I have ever received as I passed by, handcuffed and with bowed head. Men have gone to heaven for smaller things than that. It was in this spirit, and with this mode of love, that the saints knelt down to wash the feet of the poor or stooped to kiss the leper on the cheek. I have never said one single word to him about what he did ... I store it in the treasure-house of my heart ... That small bit of kindness brought me out of the bitterness of lonely exile into harmony with the wounded, broken, and great heart of the world.'*

**Seeds of liberation.** In December 1955 a seamstress, named Rosa Parks stepped on to a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, and sat in a seat reserved for whites. When the driver ordered Ms Parks to move she said, 'No.' She was arrested and jailed. This incident triggered the Civil Rights Movement. A bus boycott and other non-violent demonstrations were organized that eventually led to the abolition of racial segregation laws in transportation, housing, schools, restaurants, and other areas. When Rosa Parks said a simple 'No' to a surprised bus driver she started something far more significant than anything she could have imagined. The story about Ms Parks and the plight of Afro-Americans is similar to the situation God's people faced in today's Gospel reading where Mark was writing for a community persecuted by their Roman neighbours.

**Anything new?** There is a cartoon which shows two Kentucky backwoodsmen standing at the edge of a wood in winter. One asks the other, 'Anything new?' The other replies, 'Nothing much - Oh, there's a new baby over at Tom Lincoln's. But, you know, nothing significant ever happens around here.' Centuries before someone might have asked in Bethlehem, 'Anything new?' And the answer might have been, 'No, nothing new. Oh, they say a woman named Mary had a baby in a stable last night. But nothing significant ever happens around here.' That child grew up to teach that the little things count: salt, a cup of cold water, a fallen sparrow, a widow's offering, a lost coin, kindness done for 'one of the least of these.' The acts are no more than the planting of a mustard seed and yet, in God's good time, the seed becomes a plant and puts forth its branches for the benefit of all.

**Only seeds - not finished products.** A man walked into a shop and to his surprise found Christ behind the counter. He asked, 'What do you sell here?' Christ replied, 'You name it.' 'I want food, health and good housing for everyone.' Jesus answered, 'Friend, I don't sell finished products here, only seeds. You must plant them and water them and then I'll do the rest.'

**Don't worry.** Pope John XXIII ended his prayers each night by saying to himself, 'Now, who governs the Church, Angelo, you or the Holy Spirit? Very well then, sleep well, Angelo.'

**PS No one should say 'I can't be used.'** You've heard the old litany: *'Noah was a drinker; Abraham was too old; Isaac was a daydreamer; Jacob was a liar; Joseph was abused; Moses was a murderer and had a stuttering problem; Gideon was afraid; Samson was a womanizer; Rahab was a prostitute; Jeremiah and Timothy were too young; David had an affair and was a murderer; Elijah was suicidal; Isaiah preached naked; Jonah ran from God; Naomi was a widow; Job went bankrupt and was depressed; Peter denied Christ; the disciples fell asleep while praying; Martha worried about everything; the Samaritan woman was divorced more than once; Zacchaeus was too small; Paul was too religious; Timothy had an ulcer; Lazarus was dead!'*

So, we get the message that 'God chooses the weak and makes them strong' and that means no excuses then. God bless

# The Parish Sunday Eucharist

*This Holy Memorial is known by various names: 1) 'The Eucharist' - which means 'Thanksgiving' - because Jesus offered himself in love; 2) 'the Lord's Supper' - or 'Breaking of the Bread' - because we celebrate it as a shared meal; 3) 'Holy Communion,' because we become one with Christ by receiving him; and 4) 'Holy Mass' - holy sending - because it gives us a mission: to go in peace to serve the Lord.*

*If you are not able to come to St John's please do share in this online service from your own home. May God bless us as we join to worship together. The present rules and guidelines about attendance, distancing, singing & speaking in churches will be followed carefully.*

## HYMN

**Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord and judge shall come  
and take His servants up  
to their eternal home:  
lift up your heart,  
lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

## 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.*

All The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

## 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.*

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love,  
revealed in Word and Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

*A pause for silent reflection follows.*

All I confess to almighty God,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned through my own fault,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do.

*The Absolution*

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

*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 prayer 'collects' our thoughts.*

Priest Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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 - 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 14 - 17. - Read by Viv Adler**

Reader A reading from Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we consider that if one man died for all, then all have died; his purpose in dying for all humanity was that those who live should live not any more for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life. From now onwards, then, we will not consider anyone by human standards: even if we were once familiar with Christ according to human standards, we do not know him in that way any longer. So for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old order is gone and a new being is there to see.

*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 call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*John 15:15.*

**THE GOSPEL READING - ST MARK'S GOSPEL 4: 26 - 34.** *The smallest of seeds grows into the biggest shrub.*

The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you .**

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

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

Jesus said to the crowd, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the biggest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were capable of understand it. He did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

*At the end of the Gospel*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON** - Fr Derek

*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** - led by Sarah Theaker

*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 of God, and in union with Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Father.

*The deacon or minister continues:*

Heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith, strengthen Justin our Archbishop, Steven our bishop, Olivia our area bishop, our benefice, our Church schools of St Mary's and St John's, and all your Church in the service of Christ, that we may live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world...

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen, our Government and our District and Village Councils. Give wisdom to all in authority and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and peace that people everywhere may honour one another and seek the common good...

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son shared the life of a family: in your love bless and protect our families, friends, and neighbours and help us to learn how to serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us...

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we pray to you for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit...; give them hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation...

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we remember before you all who have died recently ...

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the fellowship of Blessed Mary, St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist and all your saints and we commend ourselves and all people 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 Christ is our peace.  
He 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

**All 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 God, in bread and wine you give us food for body and soul.  
May the Eucharist renew our strength and bring us health of mind and body.

**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:*

And now we give you thanks because at the Last Supper, as he sat at table with his apostles, he gave us this memorial of his passion to bring us its saving power until the end of time.

In this sacrament you feed your people and strengthen them in holiness, so that the family of humankind may come to walk together in the light of faith and in one communion of love.

**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            We thank you, loving Father, because when we turned away you sent to us your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. He gave his life for us upon the cross. He shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood. On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

    'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

    'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.

    Do this to remember me.'

So, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit upon us and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Mary, the Blessed Mother of our Lord, St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist, and all your saints, we give you glory, through Jesus Christ and in the strength of your Holy Spirit, today and for 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 - One Bread, One Body by John Michael Talbot**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew,  
servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.**

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
we are one body in this one Lord.***

**Many the gifts,  
many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.**

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
we are one body in this one Lord.***

**And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.  
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

*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** Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

### **THE NOTICES FOR THE COMMUNITY ARE GIVEN.**

### **THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**All** The Lord be with you.  
and also with you.

### **THE BLESSING**

**Priest** Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread of heaven,  
make you one in praise and love;  
+ and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

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

### **HYMN**

**The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
we are a new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and taught us  
what perfect love can be;  
through life and death he sought us,  
and rose to set us free.**

**The church in ev'ry nation  
is one through all the earth;  
our charter of salvation,  
one God, one faith, one birth;  
one name together blessing,  
one holy food we share,  
to one hope ever pressing,  
at one in work and prayer.**



**Yet we on earth have union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic, sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, happy ones and holy!  
God, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
may live eternally.**

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