



Welcome to worship in the Rectorial Benefice of Aberavon

Trinity 8 : 2nd August : Week 18 Year A

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

Grace and peace be with you
and keep you in the love of Christ.

Father of glory, holy and eternal, look upon us now in power and mercy. May your strength overcome our weakness, your radiance transform our blindness, and your Spirit draw us to that love shown and offered to us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.
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Invitation to confession.

Silence

Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what we ought to have done. We are sorry and truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. **Amen.**

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.**

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

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern us in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this:

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Psalm

You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
Your open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R/**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R/**

The Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St.
Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

**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.**

The Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The prayers end with these or similar words:

Uniting our prayers with those of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *NN* and all the saints, on whose constant intercession we rely for help, we ask:

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

Stand

The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and grant us that peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

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 Holy Church.

Merciful Lord, make holy these gifts, and let our spiritual sacrifice make us an everlasting gift to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

The priest continues alone until all sing:
**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.**

The priest continues alone until:
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.**

The priest invites the people to 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins
of the world: Happy are those who are called to
his supper.

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

Stand

The Sending Out

**You gave us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet
tasting bread that was very good to eat.**

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

**Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of
your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with
your body be refreshed with the fullness of
your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.**

Sit for the notices etc.

Stand

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The God of all grace who called you to his
eternal glory in Christ, restore, establish and
strengthen you in the Faith, and the Blessing of
God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be amongst you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women and blessed
is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto to me according to your word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**That we may be made worthy of the promises
of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech you, O Lord, to pour your grace
into our hearts; that as we have known the
Incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the
message of an angel, so by his cross and
passion + we may be brought to the glory of his
resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices

Please remember you need to book in for mass each week for Sundays and Weekdays. Please contact the sub wardens at the church you wish to attend.

At the moment the mass pattern for Sundays will be

8.00am St Theodore's

9.15am St Agnes'

11.00am Holy Trinity

11.00am St Mary's

4.00pm St Theodore's

The weekday pattern will be:

Monday 6.30pm St Agnes'

Tuesday 10.00am St Mary's

Wednesday 10.00 St Theodore's & Holy Trinity

11.00 St Mary's

Thursday 10.00am St Agnes'

Please see the August magazine for full details, check the website and our facebook page.

Today is a day filled with joy as we are able to meet together for worship. We will continue to live stream the 9.15am Sunday mass from St Agnes' on our facebook page. BUT today is also a sad day as we say farewell to Fr Rhun, Magda and the children after 6 years in the parish. We thank Fr Rhun for all that he has done, for his friendship, and support. He and the family will be greatly missed but we know that they are not going too far. We pray for them as they move and as Fr Rhun prepares to begin in Neath, may God be with them as they begin the next stage of their pilgrimage. Thank you!! God bless you all!!

The Diocese of Llandaff



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MATTERS**

Year of Pilgrimage Blwyddyn Pererindod

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