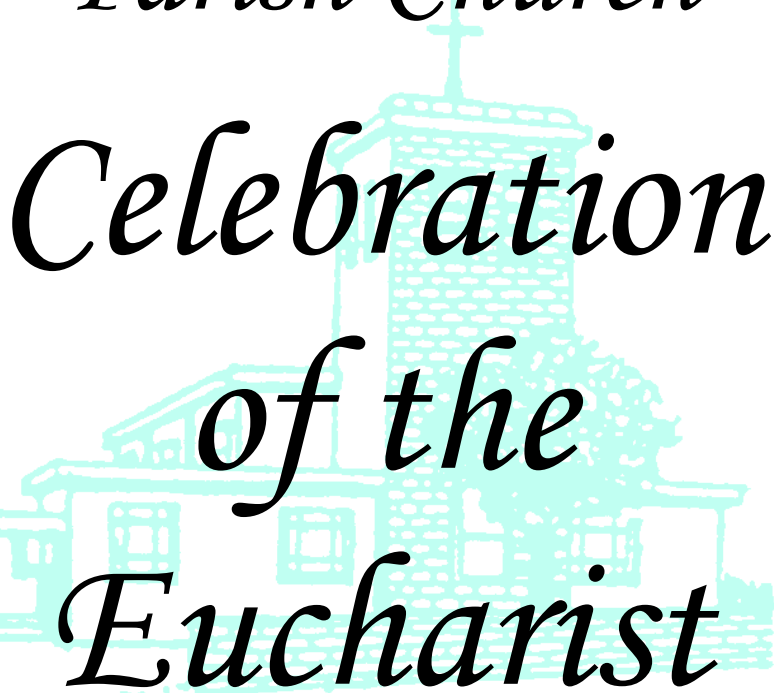


*St. Anne's
Parish Church
Celebration
of the
Eucharist*



Christmas

The Gathering

Please note that bold type denotes responses said or sung by all.

Before the service begins the leader will introduce the service and ask for a moment of prayerful silence.

Please stand when the opening hymn is announced at the entrance of the ministers.

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

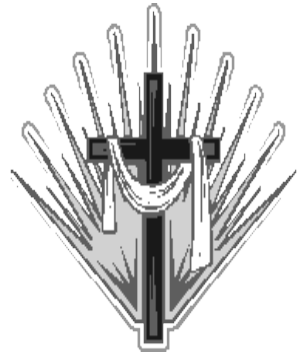
**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Pause for silent reflection;

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.



The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour
was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to
be our Saviour forgive you your sins and make you holy to
serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

**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 president introduces a short period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

*The **Collect** of the day is said, and all respond*

Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word



Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader will say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand

A hymn heralds the proclamation of the Gospel.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

Sermon

A hymn is sung after the sermon, for which we remain seated.

Please stand

The 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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.**

Let us pray

Please sit or kneel

A member of the congregation now leads us in intercessory prayer, each prayer may have a response determined by the leader or;

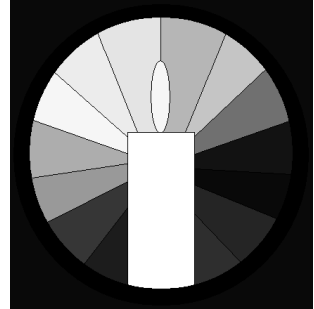
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Or

Lord hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

The prayers conclude with

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



Sign of Peace

All stand

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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

The leader invites us to witness to peace by saying

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All are invited to greet and shake hands with their neighbour.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist



A hymn will be sung as the gifts of bread and wine and the peoples offering are brought to the Table.

A little water is added to the wine as the celebrant says quietly

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the Divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

The celebrant offers the gifts

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

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

The celebrant washes his/her hands saying quietly;

Lord we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the
sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.
Lord wash away our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins.

Then

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you and of your own do we give you.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.



The appropriate preface will be said.

**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.**

Please sit or kneel

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, 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 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
[*The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Anne and*] 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
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

Communion Rite

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

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



Lamb of God,
**you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.**

The celebrant and people receive communion.

*Visitors: If you normally receive communion in your own church
then you are welcome to receive the sacrament here. If you
would prefer to receive a blessing. Please keep your hands
below the altar rail.*

*After all have received communion the Post Communion prayer
is said. Then;*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices for the week.

Blessing and dismissal

Please stand

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The leader concludes the service by inviting the congregation to bring God's kingdom to the world:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

The final hymn is then sung and the ministers process to the back of the church.

After the Sunday service light refreshments will be served in the hall, all welcome.



Please leave this booklet either at the back of the church when you leave or in your seat.

Thank you for worshipping here at St. Anne's.

Our Vision at St. Anne's

*In the light of God's call
and our situation here,
our vision
is of a community bound together
by the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.*

*A community
called to proclaim the good news
of God's Kingdom,
by making disciples,
by nurturing faith,
by responding to human need
with loving service,
by challenging injustice,
by a proper stewardship of God's creation.*

*As servants of the Kingdom
we celebrate human diversity.
We oppose discrimination and marginalisation,
and actively promote unity and acceptance.
We aim to demonstrate the love and welcome
Of Christ
to everyone in this community.*