

**Holy Eucharist
and
Commissioning of Ambassadors
by
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St Mark

The Gathering

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Prayer of Penitence

Jesus said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'
Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**

to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **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 God,
who enlightened your holy Church
through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark:
grant that we, being firmly grounded
in the truth of the gospel,
may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 New Testament Reading

Reading: Ephesians 4: 7-16

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I do not call you servants but friends,
because I have made known to you

everything that I have heard from my Father.

Alleluia.

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

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

Reading: Mark 13.5-13

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily: The Bishop of London

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of The Sacrament

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace together.

**Preparation of the Altar
The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

Father, accept all we bring before you this day.

Guide us with your love and feed us at your table

as you nourish the faith of the Church

by the preaching of your apostles.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks

because your Son Jesus Christ after his resurrection

sent forth his apostles and evangelists

to preach the gospel to all nations

and to teach us the way of truth.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;

as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,

he lived on earth and went about among us;

he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;

he put an end to death by dying for us;

and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;

so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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*:

**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.**

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:

All **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 St Mellitus 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,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence, as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours.
Now and for ever.
Amen.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

All We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All 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

Giving of Communion

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Commissioning of Ambassadors

**As a disciple of Jesus Christ here in London, where I live,
worship, work or study I commit all areas of my life to being a
prayerful and intentional ambassador for the Gospel before God
and this congregation.**

Will you endeavour to maintain a life of daily prayer, regular Bible
reading, and worship?

With the help and grace of God I will.

Will you prayerfully reflect on what it means to be a follower of
Christ in all your relationships?

With the help and grace of God, I will.

Will you be willing in your daily life to listen, encourage, and share the gospel in the spirit of Jesus and bring peace, joy, hope, and love?

With the help and grace of God, I will.

Will you be willing to share your faith sensitively when listening to the needs of others and always in harmony with the spirit of Christ?

With the help and grace of God, I will.

Will you live a life of true relationship with Jesus Christ that attracts others to come to know Christ Jesus as Lord of their lives?

With the help and grace of God I will.

Commendation

On behalf of the Diocese of London and St Mellitus College, I commend to you this work and pledge to you our prayers, encouragement and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you; that in this and in all things you may do God's will to the service of Jesus Christ.

Amen

Blessing

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
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 light and peace of Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Hymn