

2nd January 2022 | Holy Communion | 8:30 am

Introduction

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Commandments

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech thee.**

The Collect of the Day

The Epistle Ephesians 1:3-14

Here beginneth the third chapter of the Epistle of St Paul to the Ephesians
beginning at verse 3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of his glory.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to John, beginning at the tenth verse

Glory be to thee O Lord

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, "He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me." ') Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No-one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in the closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Thanks be to thee, O Lord.

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,**

**Very God of very God,
Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made:**

**Who for us men, and for our salvation,
came down from heaven,**

**And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man,**

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried,

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,

And ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

**And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:**

Whose kingdom shall have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord, and Giver of life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sermon

Church Militant

Introduction to Penitence

Confession

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things,
Judge of all men;
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,
By thought, word, and deed,
Against thy Divine Majesty,
Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
The remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
The burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may ever hereafter
Serve and please thee
In newness of life,
To the honour and glory of thy Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Comfortable Words

Sanctus

**Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

... Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,

heaven and earth are full of thy glory:

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.

But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy:

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Receiving Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high,

and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Blessing