



NINIAN

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Greeting

Presider

May the strength of God, the compassion of Christ and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

The Kyrie

Presider

You raise the dead to new life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Presider

Let us pray.

High Sovereign of all creation, grant us grace to follow your holy servant Ninian in surmounting every wall of prejudice, so that the glad tidings of Christ may be heard and accepted in every language, culture and community throughout the whole wide earth. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Romans 10.14-17

Reader

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Canticle of the Day: Isaiah 55.6-11

Reader

Seek the Lord while God may be found,

call upon God while the Lord is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that God may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for the Lord will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The Gospel Alleluia

Deacon

Alleluia! Alleluia! I will give you as a light to the nations,
so that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

Deacon

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Deacon

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Word

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany of Healing

Leader of the Prayers

We gather in your presence, O God;
**in our need and bringing with us
the needs of the world.**

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus;
for you know in him our humanity.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;
we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because you invite us to come;
and you have promised never to turn us away.

Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they may be made whole: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance and to all who are lonely, anxious or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Mend broken relationships and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Bless physicians, nurses and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Give wholeness of life to those for whom we offer our prayers this day (*during the silence we name or remember those for whom we are praying*): Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by your grace and consolation those who are bereaved (*during the silence we name or remember those for whom we are praying*): Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin --- in our lives, in our nations and in the world: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

You are the Lord who does wonders:
you have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
and in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:
heal us and make us whole.

Compassionate God, support and strengthen all those who reach out in love, concern and prayer for the sick and distressed. In their acts of compassion, may they know that they are your instruments. In their concerns and fears, may they know your peace. In their faithful serving, may they know your steadfast love. May they not grow weary or faint-hearted, for your mercy's sake. **Amen.**

Glory to God,
from whom all love flows.
Glory to Jesus,
who showed us his love through suffering.
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
who brings light to the darkest places. Amen.

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

Let us pray.

Source and Giver of redemption, grant us so to hear and speak your Word, that in company with your blessed servant Ninian, we may render this holy service by faith in your mercy and with confidence in your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider

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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your Beloved, Jesus the Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word through whom you created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, so that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, so that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Author of creation and Word of redemption, with the Spirit of wisdom in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

Presider

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion

As the Presider and Deacon receive the Bread and the Wine, pray silently or quietly the following prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. **Amen.**

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, strengthen our wills and kindle our faith by the remembrance of your holy servant Ninian, so that we may share the riches of your love and make the earth be glad with the tidings of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Presider

Glory to God,
**whose power working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to proclaim Christ to the nations.
Thanks be to God.