

# St Mary's Cathedral

Palmerston Place, Edinburgh



Livestreamed  
Cathedral Eucharist  
for Lent

3.30pm

## Welcome to St Mary's Cathedral

Our service, which is laid out in this booklet, is a **Eucharist**. Although we cannot gather together in person, we continue to come together as Christ's body, reflecting on scripture and praying for our world. As part of today's service, the celebrant and preacher will share bread and wine as Christ's body and blood given for the life of all. They do so on behalf of us all.

We invite you as you follow the service to join in the words in bold.

*We gather*

## **Welcome**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Collect for Purity**

**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.**

## **Confession & Absolution**

God is love and we are God's children.  
There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because God loved us first.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

**God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry.  
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,  
for the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

## **Collect of the Day** - *a particular prayer for this week*

### **Collect for Lent**

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.  
**Amen.**

*We listen for God's Word*

### **First Reading**

*which concludes:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm**

### **Gospel**

*When it is announced:*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

*At the end:*

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

### **Homily**

*We reflect together on what our readings reveal for us today.*

*We respond in faith and prayer*

### **Intercessions**

*Prayer is offered for the world and all its people,  
particularly for those who suffer and those in need,  
and for the Church and its calling.*

### **Peace**

We meet in Christ's name.

**Let us share his peace.**

## *We Celebrate Communion*

### **Prayers of Offering**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
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 offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands;  
it will become the cup of our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

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 God thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you,  
maker of light and darkness.  
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,  
brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son, enemies are reconciled,  
debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters  
in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,  
sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

### **Sanctus and Benedictus**

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,  
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.  
Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness  
spanned the gulf our sins had made.  
Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory,  
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,  
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,  
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,  
freely offered his life.  
At supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'  
After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:  
'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised  
into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters,  
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.  
**Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and 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.**

### **Agnus Dei**

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: **give us your peace.**

## Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Amen.**

*Communion is shared with the words:*

The Body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*We give thanks and are sent out*

## Sentence

Give thanks to our gracious God,  
**whose mercy endures for ever.**

## Post Communion Prayer

**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.**

## Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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