



## ¶ Please STAND for the Processional HYMN: 485 The Gathering

Priest and of the Holy Spirit. All Amen. Priest The Lord be with you: All And also with you. Almighty God, All 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

This or another seasonal invitation to Confession is offered by the priest:

Priest We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

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A short period of silence is observed, followed by:

Priest Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

#### After a short silence, all say

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

## Absolution

Priest	Almighty God,
	who forgives all who truly repent,
	have mercy upon you,
	$     \Phi $ 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.

## The Collect

Priest Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

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#### A reading from the NEW TESTAMENT

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him

Lector For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

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# The Homily

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## The Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

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Priest In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ let us pray to the Father.

Intercessor In peace let us pray to the Lord. We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth. We pray especially for our Sovereign Lord, the Royal Family; for his realms and territories beyond the seas, our Commonwealth, friends and allies as well as those who wish us harm.

> We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation, that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament The Peace

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Priest Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.'
The peace of the Lord be with you always
All And also with you.

#### The Offertory Hymn

This is my song (tune: Finlandia)

This is my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; But other hearts in other lands are beating With hope and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, And skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms, Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all men serve him, And hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations, Ourselves we give thee; let thy will be done.

During this hymn, a collection will be taken for the work of the church. If you wish to make a contribution using the card machine, please ask to do this at the end of the service

# The Preparation of the Altar

# The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest	The Lord is here
All	His Spirit is with us.
Priest	Lift up your hearts.
All	We lift them to the Lord.
Priest	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All	It is right to give thanks and praise.
Priest	Blessed are you, Lord of life, creator of heaven and earth, to you be glory and praise for ever. For through his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil, and by his glorious resurrection has opened for us the gate of life eternal. In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives have been shattered and torn apart. In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself, enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love. And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ may come to the peace of heaven, there, with angels and archangels, to sing your praise for ever:
All	<ul> <li>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</li> <li>God of power and might,</li> <li>heaven and earth are full of your glory.</li> <li>Hosanna in the highest.</li> <li>✤ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.</li> <li>Hosanna in the highest.</li> </ul>

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Priest 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. *Page 8*  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 Our Lady, Nicolas, George, Catherine, Benedict 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

- Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:
- All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven.
  Give us this day our daily bread.
  And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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 Fracture

Priest 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.

#### Communion

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are you 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.

All are welcome at this altar. You will be invited to the Chancel step by a Sidesman - a row at a time. To receive the bread and wine, place your hands open, extended ahead of you. To receive a blessing, bow your head.

#### The Anthem

#### Greater love hath no man, John Ireland

After receiving The Blessed Sacrament, please make your way to the War Memorial in St George's Chapel.

#### **Prayers for the Fallen**

Priest Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

> They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. We will remember them.

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#### Last Post

#### Silence is kept

#### Reveille

When you go home, tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

#### Motet

Kontakion - Stephanie Martin

Priest Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping, those who have died for their country in war; and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

The names of the fallen of the parish are read aloud.

#### The National Anthem

God save our gracious King, Long live our noble King, God save the King! Send him victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us, God save the King!

Thy choicest gifts in store, On him be pleased to pour, Long may he reign! May he defend our laws, And ever give us cause, To sing with heart and voice, God save the King!

## The Blessing & Dismissal

Priest God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen

Organ Voluntary Elegy, George Thalben-Ball

# **¶** Please REMAIN STANDING as the priest and choir process from the church.

After the service you are warmly invited to refreshments in the Parish Hall.

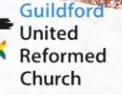
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