

“Picking up the Baton”

EUCHARIST FOR EVANGELISATION

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

May God bless us in his mercy; may he make his face shine upon us, that we might know his ways on earth and his saving power among all the nations
(Psalm 67:v1-2)

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father, you will all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of your truth.

Send workers into your great harvest that the gospel may be preached to every creature and your people, gathered together by the word of life and strengthened by the power of the sacraments, may advance in the way of salvation and love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there would be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. *(1 Timothy 2:v1-7)*

This is the word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

1) O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R)

2) Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples
you guide the nations on earth. (R)

3) The earth has yielded its fruit
for God, our God, has blessed us.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R)
Psalm 67

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you; through
him give thanks to God the Father. Alleluia!
(Col 3:v16-17)

GOSPEL

Hear the holy gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had
directed them. And 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,
baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo, I am
with you always, to the close of the age."

(Matthew:v16-20)

This is the Gospel of Christ

MEDITATION

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. *(Col 3:v16)*

1) God's Provision
Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself...
(1 Timothy 2:v5-6)

2) God's Desire
God our saviour... wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of
the truth... there is... one mediator... Christ Jesus. *(1 Timothy 2:v3-6)*

3) God's Charge

Go therefore and make disciples

(Matthew 28:v19)

4) God's Promise

Know that I am with you always.

(Matthew 28:v20)

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

(Psalm 67:v3)

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the whole church of God throughout the world and especially in Sussex

For its unity in witness and service

For all Christian Leaders and the people whom they serve

For all Christians in this community

For the discernment of openings for the Gospel

That God will confirm his church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all those who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who follow other faiths and creeds

For those who have never heard the word of salvation

For those who have lost their faith

For those hardened by sin or indifference

For the contemptuous and the scornful

For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples

For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Merciful God, Creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, the suffering and death of Christ your Son won your salvation for all the world.

May the prayers and gifts of your Church come before you and be pleasing in your sight.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

And now we give you thanks, because you anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son, as the eternal priest and king of all. As a priest he offered up his life on the cross, that by his one sacrifice he might present to you an eternal kingdom; a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

COMMUNION SENTENCE

All you nations, praise the Lord, proclaim him, all you peoples! For steadfast is his kindly mercy to us, and everlasting his faithfulness. (*Psalms 117*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, you renew our life with this gift of redemption.

Make us feel more urgently the call to work for the establishing of your kingdom, where Jesus is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen*

THE LIFE TOGETHER PRAYER

Heavenly Father

You have called us to love and serve you

In your Son Jesus Christ our King.

Make us wholehearted in service,

United in our life together,

and open to new opportunity.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord

Who is alive and reigns with you

In the unity of the Holy Spirit

One God for ever and ever. *Amen*

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