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Midweek Communion



with a Celebration of Confirmation by

Bishop John

THE BISHOP OF WORCESTER



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WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYERS

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Bishop may add words of welcome and introduction.

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.

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May God our Father forgive you your sins, and bring you to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever.

Amen.

TODAY'S SPECIAL PRAYER

Almighty God, you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LISTENING TO THE WORDS OF JESUS

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.'

Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.'

'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.'

'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?'

Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.'

And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her

tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

Luke 7:36-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

A REFLECTION FOR TODAY

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Harriet and Chris join the Bishop at the front of church. He asks them:

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart
to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

The Bishop then asks the congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Chris and Harriet

and uphold them in their life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

We gather at the font and the Paschal candle is lit.

The Bishop turns to Harriet and Chris saying:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask you:

Do you turn to Christ?	I turn to Christ.
Do you repent of your sins?	I repent of my sins.
Do you renounce evil?	I renounce evil.

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ
give you also strength to continue in the Way. **Amen.**

The Bishop turns to everyone saying:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with Harriet and Chris
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Bishop sprinkles water from the font on everyone present.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE CONFIRMATION

The Bishop addresses the congregation.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever.

The Bishop extends his hands towards Harriet and Chris, saying:

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given these your servants new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them all their sins.

Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:

the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;

the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;

the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;

and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

Amen.

The Bishop confirms Chris

Christine, God has called you by name and made you his own.

Christine, be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Confirm, O Lord, your servant Christine with your Holy Spirit.

The Bishop confirms Harriet

Harriet, God has called you by name and made you his own.

Harriet, be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Confirm, O Lord, your servant Harriet with your Holy Spirit.

The Bishop invites us all to pray for Harriet and Chris, saying together:

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
Amen.**

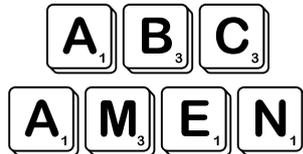
PRAYERS

THIS WEEK WE ARE
ESPECIALLY PRAYING FOR

SUNDAY
the kerfufflers

MONDAY
the kettle-boilers

SATURDAY
the knowledgeable



TUESDAY
the key-holders

FRIDAY
the knocked-over

THURSDAY
the kissers

WEDNESDAY
the kind-hearted

THE PEACE

The Bishop invites everyone to stand together.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

With this bread that we bring

we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring

we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

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 thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**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.

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples,
saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup,
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints, we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

Amen.

TRADITIONAL LANGUAGE

**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.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
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.**

CONTEMPORARY LANGUAGE

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

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.**

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong but because you are weak. Come not because any goodness of your own gives you the right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you. Come and meet the risen Christ for we are his body.

We share bread and wine together

BLESSING AND FAREWELL

Eternal God,
our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people
the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us
through the trials of this world
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever.

**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.**

The Bishop blesses us and sends us out in God's name