

Eglwys St Ffagan, Aberdâr
St Fagan's Church, Aberdare

All Sorts Service

Sunday 7th September 2025

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!

2. O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

4. And that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

5. O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

6. And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

THE GATHERING

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**
Priest Grace and peace be with you.
All **And keep you in the love of Christ.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All remain standing. The priest introduces the theme of the service; then he invites everyone to call to mind the wrong things we have done and said.

All **Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what we ought to have done. We are sorry and truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA

Chorus Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

1. Lord God, heavenly King,
peace you bring to us;
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we sing our song of praise. *Chorus*

3. At the Father's right hand,
Lord, receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One,
and you alone are the Lord. *Chorus*

2. Jesus, Saviour of all,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins, O Lord,
have mercy on us all. *Chorus*

4. Glory, Father and Son,
glory, Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high,
we glorify your name. *Chorus*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit for the reading

A READING: Philemon 1-21

A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon

From Paul, a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy—
To our friend and fellow worker Philemon, and the church that meets in your house, and our sister Apphia, and our fellow soldier Archippus: May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Brother Philemon, every time I pray, I mention you and give thanks to my God. For I hear of your love for all of God's people and the faith you have in the Lord Jesus. My prayer is that our fellowship with you as believers will bring about a deeper understanding of every blessing which we have in our life in union with Christ. Your love, dear brother, has brought me great joy and much encouragement! You have cheered the hearts of all of God's people. For this reason I could be bold enough, as your brother in Christ, to order you to do what should be done. But because I love you, I make a request instead. I do this even though I am Paul, the ambassador of Christ Jesus, and at present also a prisoner for his sake. So I make a request to you on behalf of Onesimus, who is my own son in Christ; for while in prison I have become his spiritual father. At one time he was of no use to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me. I am sending him back to you now, and with him goes my heart. I would like to keep him here with me, while I am in prison for the gospel's sake, so that he could help me in your place. However, I do not want to force you to help me; rather, I would like for you to do it of your own free will. So I will not do anything unless you agree. It may be that Onesimus was away from you for a short time so that you might have him back for all time. And now he is not just a slave, but much more than a slave: he is a dear brother in Christ. How much he means to me! And how much more he will mean to you, both as a slave and as a brother in the Lord! So, if you think of me as your partner, welcome him

back just as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to my account. Here, I will write this with my own hand: *I, Paul, will pay you back* (I should not have to remind you, of course, that you owe your very self to me.) So, my brother, please do me this favour for the Lord's sake; as a brother in Christ, cheer me up! I am sure, as I write this, that you will do what I ask—in fact I know that you will do even more. At the same time, get a room ready for me, because I hope that God will answer the prayers of all of you and give me back to you.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord:

All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand to sing

GOSPEL ANTHEM

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth, he is the King of creation.

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 14. 25-33

Priest The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Priest Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once when large crowds of people were going along with Jesus, he turned and said to them, “Those who come to me cannot be my disciples unless they love me more than they love father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and themselves as well. Those who do not carry their own cross and come after me cannot be my disciples. If one of you is planning to build a tower, you sit down first and figure out what it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job. If you don't, you will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation; and all who see what happened will make fun of you. ‘You began to build but can't finish the job!’ they will say. If a king goes out with ten thousand men to fight another king who comes against him with twenty thousand men, he will sit down first and decide if he is strong enough to face that other king. If he

isn't, he will send messengers to meet the other king to ask for terms of peace while he is still a long way off. In the same way," concluded Jesus, "none of you can be my disciple unless you give up everything you have.

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

All sit

THE TALK

All stand to say The Creed together:

THE CREED

I believe and trust in God the Father, who created all that is. I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humankind. I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God. I believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE INTERCESSIONS

All sit or kneel for the prayers. The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The priest introduces The Peace and then says:

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always:

All **And also with you.**

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We greet each other with a sign of peace.

HYMN

1. Lord, we come to ask your healing,
teach us of love;
all unspoken shame revealing,
teach us of love.

Take our selfish thoughts and actions,
petty feuds, divisive factions,
hear us now to you appealing,
teach us of love.

3. When the bread is raised and broken,
fill us with love;
words of consecration spoken,
fill us with love.

As our grateful prayers continue,
make the faith that we have in you
more than just an empty token,
fill us with love,

2. Soothe away our pain and sorrow,
hold us in love;
grace we cannot buy or borrow,
hold us in love.

Though we see but dark and danger,
though we spurn both friends and stranger,
though we often dread tomorrow,
hold us in love.

4. Help us live for one another,
bind us in love;
stranger, neighbour father, mother –
bind us in love.

All are equal at your table,
through your Spirit make us able
to embrace as sister brother,
bind us in love.

THE THANKSGIVING

The priest takes the bread and wine

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.

All 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 our spiritual drink.

All Blessed be God for ever.

THE 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.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is always right, wherever we are, to thank you and to praise you, God our Father and King for ever, through Jesus Christ, your Son. Through him you made us and the whole universe. When your Holy Spirit came to Mary, Jesus was born as one of us. He loved us so much that he died for us; on the first Easter Day you raised him to life; and death and evil were conquered for ever. At Pentecost, you gave the Holy Spirit, as Jesus promised, to help us to live as your children. So here on earth, with the angels and archangels and with everyone in heaven we praise your name and sing:

All Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, Holy, holy, holy, holy.

Gracious Father, gracious Father, blessed is the one who comes to us in your name; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, gracious Father, gracious Father.

We sit or kneel

Father in heaven, listen to the prayer we make in Jesus' name; through the Holy Spirit's power, gentle as a dove, may this bread and this wine be for us Jesus' body and blood. Father, we remember when Jesus had supper with his friends the night before he died, he took the bread; he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said: All of you drink from this cup, because this is my blood – the new promise of God's love. Do this every time you drink it to remember me.

Together we remember that Jesus is always with us and say:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

Father, as we remember your Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross and rose again, we offer you these and all the gifts you freely give to us. Send your Holy Spirit to be with us and all who share this bread and drink from this cup. Help us to trust you, bring us closer together and welcome us, with all your people, into Jesus' glorious kingdom.

The priest sings: By him, with him, through him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours almighty Lord, Amen, Amen, Alleluia!

All sing: **Amen, Amen, Alleluia! Amen, Amen, Alleluia! And we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, Amen, Amen, Alleluia!**

Priest As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

All 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 COMMUNION

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share in one bread.**

We sing

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy;
bearer of our sins, Lord Jesus, show us mercy;
Jesus, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the whole world:
give us peace, Lord, give us peace, Lord.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those 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.

We go to the altar to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love as you have loved
and do as you would do.

2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure

3. Breathe on me, breath of God;
fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heavenly fire.

4. Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

1. Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there is doubt true faith in You
*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy
Oh, Master grant that I may never seek ...

3. Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life.

we keep a time of quiet after the hymns

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After the notices, all stand

Priest Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:

All **His love is everlasting .**

All **God of compassion, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in
Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE BLESSING

Priest The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

The priest gives a blessing.

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

During this hymn the collection will be taken.

1. Angel voices ever singing
round Thy throne of light,
angel harps, forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless Thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

2.Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can see,
can it be that Thou regardest
our poor hymnody?
Yes, we know that Thou art near us
and wilt hear us constantly.

3.Yea, we know that Thou rejoicest
o'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
for Thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for Thy pleasure all combine.

4.In Thy house, great God, we offer
of Thine own to Thee;
and for Thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

5.Honour, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity:
of the best that Thou hast given
earth and heaven render Thee.

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