

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

ORDER FOR THE HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY 13TH JULY 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

When the bell rings, all stand to sing the hymn

1. All who would valiant be,
'gainst all disaster,
let them in constancy
follow their Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make them once relent,
their first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

2. Those who beset them round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound –
their strength the more is.
No foe shall stay their might
though they with giants fight:
they will make good the right
to be a pilgrim.

3. Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away,
we'll fear not what they say,
we'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

THE GREETING

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

The priest may offer some informal words of welcome, after which all say

Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you. No secrets are hidden from you. Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit that we may love and worship you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIES

All sing

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The priest invites the people to confess their sins, after which all say

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.

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. **Amen.**

All sing

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory, mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit

FIRST READING

This is a powerful message of hope, emphasizing that God's commands and the path to restoration are not distant, but readily accessible for all who choose to obey Him wholeheartedly.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us,

and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

(Deuteronomy 30. 9-14)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

All say together

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

(Psalm 25. 1-10)

SECOND READING

Paul begins his letter to the Christian community at Colossae (in western Asia Minor) with a prayer of thanksgiving and intercession. The Church, both there and throughout the Roman Empire, is growing.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the

grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1. 1-14)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

All stand to sing:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.
Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.**

HOLY GOSPEL

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus has prepared emissaries for a mission beyond Israel. They have returned and reported their success. Now a lawyer, an expert in interpreting Mosaic Law, challenges Jesus. Who can inherit eternal life?

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You

have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

(Luke 10. 25-37)

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

All sit

SERMON

All stand to say:

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During which the following response may be used

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

At the end

Merciful Father:

**accept these prayers, for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All say:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

All stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

The priest introduces the peace and then says

The peace of the Lord be with you always: **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace. During the preparation of the altar, all sing the following hymn:

1. Let there be love shared among us, let there be love in our eyes. May now your love sweep this nation; cause us, O Lord, to arise. Give us a fresh understanding, brotherly love that is real. Let there be love shared among us, let there be love.	2. Let there be peace shared among us, let there be peace in our eyes. May now your peace sweep this nation; cause us, O Lord, to arise. Give us a fresh understanding, sisterly peace that is real. Let there be peace shared among us, let there be peace.
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3. Let there be hope shared among us, let there be hope in our eyes. May now your hope sweep this nation; cause us, O Lord, to arise. Give us a fresh understanding, brotherly hope that is real. Let there be hope shared among us, let there be hope.	4. Let there be joy shared among us, let there be joy in our eyes. May now your joy sweep this nation; cause us, O Lord, to arise. Give us a fresh understanding, sisterly joy that is real. Let there be joy shared among us, let there be joy.
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5. Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes.
May now your love sweep this nation;
cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding,
brotherly love that is real.
Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

THE THANKSGIVING

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 our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

EUCCHARISTIC 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord. He is your eternal Word: through him you created the universe and formed us men and women in your own image. You sent him to be our Saviour, born of Mary through the power of the Spirit. Upon the cross he opened wide his arms of mercy, embracing us in perfect love, destroying the power of evil, suffering and death. On the first day of the week you raised him from the dead and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Through him you have given us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us your own sons and daughters. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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.

All sit

Hear us, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Through him accept our sacrifice of praise, and grant that, by the power of your Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine may be for us his body and his blood; 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 from this, all of you; for 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, Father, remembering the saving death and resurrection of your Son we offer to you in thanksgiving this bread and this cup, your gifts to us, and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us who share this bread and this cup. Strengthen our faith, make us one and welcome us and all your people into the glorious kingdom of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:
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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body for we all share in one bread.

AGNUS DEI

All sing:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please follow the directions of the wardens to come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

2. Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.

3. Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.

4. Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wand' rings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

1. All heaven declares
The glory of the risen Lord
Who can compare with
The beauty of the Lord
Forever He will be
The Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee
And worship Him alone.

2. I will proclaim
The glory of the risen Lord
Who once was slain
To reconcile man to God
Forever You will be
The Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee
And worship You alone

It is our custom to keep a time of silence after the communion hymns.

All remain seated for the notices, then all stand

THE SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All say together

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

The priest gives the blessing:

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, and guide you in truth and peace and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

All sing the final hymn when the collection will be taken.

1. Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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