

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

All Sorts Service

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Be Thou my vision, O lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord;  
Thou my Great Father, and I Thy true heir;  
Thou in me dwelling and I in thy care.
3. Be Thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my armour, and be Thou my might.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tow'r:  
Raise Thou me Heavenward, O pow'r of my pow'r.
4. Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, through all my days:  
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.
5. High King of Heaven when battle is done,  
grant Heaven's joy to me, bright heav'ns' sun!  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## 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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit for the reading*

A READING: Ecclesiastes 1. 2, 12-14; 2. 18-23

A reading from the book Ecclesiastes.

It is useless, useless, said the Philosopher. Life is useless, all useless. I, the Philosopher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. I determined that I would examine and study all the things that are done in this world. God has laid a miserable fate upon us. I have seen everything done in this world, and I tell you, it is all useless. It is like chasing the wind. Nothing that I had worked for and earned meant a thing to me, because I knew that I would have to leave it to my successor, and he might be wise, or he might be foolish—who knows? Yet he will own everything I have worked for, everything my wisdom has earned for me in this world. It is all useless. So I came to regret that I had worked so hard. You work for something with all your wisdom, knowledge, and skill, and then you have to leave it all to someone who hasn't had to work for it. It is useless, and it isn't right! You work and worry your way through life, and what do you have to show for it? As long as you live, everything you do brings nothing but worry and heartache. Even at night your mind can't rest. It is all useless.

*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 12. 13-21

*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.**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide with me the property our father left us." Jesus answered him, "Friend, who gave me the right to judge or to divide the property between you two?" And he went on to say to them all, "Watch out and guard yourselves from every kind of greed; because your true life is not made up of the things you own, no matter how rich you may be." Then Jesus told them this parable: "There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops. He began to think to himself, 'I don't have a place to keep all my crops. What can I do? This is what I will do,' he told himself; 'I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I will store the grain and all my other goods. Then I will say to myself, Lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself!' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?'" And Jesus concluded, "This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight."

*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. In heav'nly love abiding,  
no change my heart shall fear;  
and safe is such confiding,  
for nothing changes here.  
The storm may roar without me,  
my heart may low be laid,  
but God is round about me,  
and can I be dismayed?

2. Wherever he may guide me,  
no want shall turn me back;  
my Shepherd is beside me,  
and nothing can I lack.  
His wisdom ever waketh,  
his sight is never dim,  
he knows the way he taketh,  
and I will walk with him.

3. Green pastures are before me,  
which yet I have not seen;  
bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
where the dark clouds have been.  
My hope I cannot measure,  
my path to life is free,  
my Saviour has my treasure,  
and he will walk with me.

## 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. I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.
4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,



is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

5. Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

*Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together,  
Bind us together with love.*

1. There is only one God,  
there is only one King.  
There is only one Body,  
that is why we sing:  
*Chorus:*

2. Fit for the glory of God,  
purchased by his precious Son;  
born with the right to be free:  
Jesus the vict'ry has won.  
*Chorus:*

3. We are the fam'ly of God,  
we are the promise divine;  
we are God's chosen desire,  
we are the glorious new wine.  
*Chorus:*

***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* **O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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. Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

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