

The Benefice & Ministry Area of Eglwysilan and Caerphilly



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THE INTRODUCTION

Beloved in Christ, we are here in the presence of the living God and of the whole company of heaven, to offer to him, through our Lord Jesus Christ, our worship and praise and thanksgiving; that we may know more truly the greatness of his love, and that his grace may bear fruit in our lives. We have come to hear and receive God's holy Word, to seek the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit, and to pray for ourselves and all mankind that we may be given those things which are necessary for our true well-being. But first let us confess our sins, and seek our Father's pardon and peace:

CONFESSION

We confess to God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

Almighty God have mercy upon us,
forgive us all our sins and deliver us from evil,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

THE PRECES

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord;
The Lord's Name be praised.

THE PSALM

Today's psalm will be read/sung, ending with:

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

The First Lesson is taken from...

Here ends the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy: hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers: Abraham and his seed, for ever. Glory be to the Father, and the to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. **Amen.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

The Second Lesson is taken from...

Here ends the Second Lesson.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. **Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and 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, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
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 Lord be with you:
And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

THE RESPONSES

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.

O Lord, save the Queen;
And give her counsellors wisdom.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
And evermore mightily defend us.

Make clean our hearts, O God;
And renew a right spirit within us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

Almighty God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

An anthem may be played here

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE FINAL BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord. Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the ✠ blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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