



## 7<sup>th</sup> Feb LEB 2021 Ordinary Time Eucharist

### The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you **and also with you.**

### **Hymn**

### **The Church's one foundation**

**SJ Stone**

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
we are a new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and taught us  
what perfect love can be;  
through life and death he sought us,  
and rose to set us free.

The church in ev'ry nation  
is one through all the earth;  
our charter of salvation,  
one God, one faith, one birth;  
one name together blessing,  
one holy food we share,  
to one hope ever pressing,  
at one in work and prayer.

Still, schisms, tribulation,  
and hatred fuel our war;  
we wait the consummation  
of peace forevermore.

The saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

Yet we on earth have union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic, sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, happy ones and holy!  
God, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
may live eternally.

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### **Prayer of Preparation**

**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.**

### **Invitation to Confession**

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate, let us call to mind our sins.

**God our Father, full of grace and truth, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Reading      Colossians 1.15-20**

<sup>15</sup>Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;  
<sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.  
This is the Word of the Lord                      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1.1-14  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him

all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

### **Sermon**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

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

*And at the end* Merciful Father, **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **The Peace**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. The peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you.**

#### **A prayer is said over the bread and wine**

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here            **His Spirit is with us.**  
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.**

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:  
**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.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith  
**Jesus Christ has died. Jesus Christ is risen.**  
**Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

### **Giving of Communion**

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.  
**Lord, give us this bread always.**

### **St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century:**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

*The priest receives the bread and wine on behalf of the community*

### **Final Prayer and Blessing**

**Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: we thank you that in this Eucharist you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to**

**serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Hymn We have a gospel to proclaim**

We have a gospel to proclaim  
Good news for men in all the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall  
But in a stable dark and dim:  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,  
Hated by those He came to save;  
In lonely suffering on the cross  
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified;  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

May God bless us, that in us may be found love and humility, obedience and thanksgiving, discipline, gentleness and peace, and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Live in the peace of Christ.      **Thanks be to God.**

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