

Preface to the Dedication of the Church of St Bede

Welcome to this celebration: a celebration of the Parish, the Pastoral Area, the Diocese and the Church.

Today has been long in coming! Five years ago we began considering the possibility of a new church to respond to the emerging pastoral situation and to the challenge of parish life and demands. The church is roughly in the demographic centre of Holy Ghost Parish, which serves north Basingstoke and all areas to Ramsdell in the west, Hatch in the east and Stratfield Saye in the north.

The church design is simple but based on classic ecclesiastical lines, with its enclosed courtyard and cloister linking the complex to the church. The courtyard and cloister provide a space that prepares us to enter the church in a state of mind conducive to worship and prayer. Simple lines, furnished and decorated in black, white and maple, help us to focus on that which is helpful to prayer and worship.

The focus as we enter is the Sacrament House, which contains the Blessed Sacrament reserved for the sick, housebound and hospitalised and also provides a focus for private prayer and devotion, a place to stop, to be still and to ponder the mystery of the Incarnation and Resurrection. The Sacrament House is in the form of a burning bush: the Burning Bush of Exodus from which God tells Moses he stands on holy ground. Designed by Terence and Rebecca Clarke especially for this church, it is made from stainless steel, treated so as to give the effect of leaves aflame yet not consumed. We see the Sacrament House over the Baptismal Font: the waters through which we as Christians had to enter in order to participate in the life of the Church and thereby become part of the Body of Christ. Every time we enter the church we bless ourselves and are reminded of the living water, which is Christ himself.

The stone altar is designed in a classical style. Behind it is a figure of Christ, designed by Peter Eugene Ball, which evokes images of crucifixion, death, new life and cosmic existence.

The fifteen Stations of the Cross on the south wall represent stages in the Passion of Jesus (in time we will commission depictions of the Passion: the pictures there now are temporary and acted out by children at the school). The apse for the Virgin Mary is in the south-west wall (a statue will be commissioned; at present an Icon of Our Lady of Faithfulness, given by the Webb family, hangs there). On the plinth outside the apse in the courtyard we will have a statue of St Bede, patron of the church.

Feel free to look around the church and note these many interesting features.

Please pray for our parish community, which has had to die and rise again as we learn to be one large faith-based community. We are still learning to let go of our old centres, our Masses and our small communities and to become one parish with one centre for our common worship, prayer, social life and parish administration.

Monsignor Vincent Harvey



Introductory Rites

Please switch off mobile phones

Entrance Hymn

Please stand

As the ministers process into the church we sing the following hymn:

- 1. God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**
- 2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here the table spread among us and the font have pride of place; Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech, here in newness and tradition God the Spirit comes to each.**
- 3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old; here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**
- 4. Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

Bishop: The grace and peace of God be with all of you in his holy Church.

All: And also with you.

Handing Over of the Church to the Bishop

Jeremy Bell, the architect, and representatives of Brymor Builders involved with the design and building of the church hand over the building to the Bishop, offering him the architectural plans and keys.

Blessing of the Font and Sprinkling of the People

The Bishop processes to the font to bless it and then sprinkles those present with water from the font.

Please turn to face the font

A member of the Baptismal Preparation Team:

Bishop Crispian, we have a new baptismal font from which life will be given to those who are baptised. It will symbolise for us the spring of living water, flowing from the side of Christ, that enables us to bear witness to the truth. We ask you to bless this font and to bless the water, which will remind us, when we gather here, that through these waters we are cleansed of sin and united in the Body of Christ.

The Bishop calls us to prayer:

Bishop: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this solemn rite of dedication, let us ask the Lord our God to bless this water, created by his hand. It is a sign of our repentance, a reminder of our baptism and a symbol of the cleansing of these walls and this altar. May the grace of God help us to remain faithful members of his Church, open to the Spirit we have received.

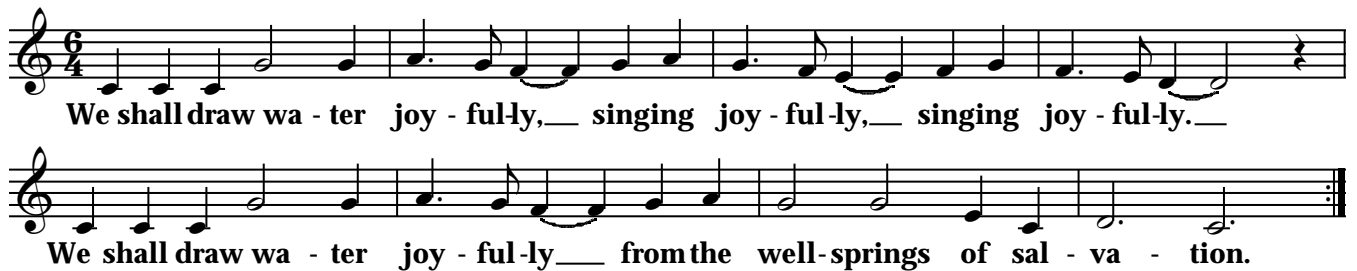
All pray silently for a brief period.

Bishop: God of mercy, you call every creature to the light of life
and surround us with such great love that when we stray
you continually lead us back to Christ our head.
For you have established an inheritance of such mercy
that those sinners who pass through water made sacred die with Christ
and rise restored as members of his body and heirs of his eternal covenant.
Bless ☩ this water and sanctify it.

As it is sprinkled upon us and throughout this church
make it a sign of the saving waters of baptism,
by which we become one in Christ, the temple of your Spirit.
May all here today and all those in days to come
who will celebrate your mysteries in this church
be united at last in the holy city of your peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

All: Amen.

As the Bishop sprinkles the people, we repeat the following refrain after the choir and again after each verse:



We shall draw wa - ter joy - ful-ly, — singing joy - ful-ly, — singing joy - ful-ly. —

We shall draw wa - ter joy - ful-ly — from the well-springs of sal - va - tion.

1. Truly God is our salvation;
we trust, we shall not fear.
For the Lord is our strength,
the Lord is our song;
he became our Saviour.
2. Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord;
give praise to his holy name!
Make his mighty deeds known
to all of the nations,
proclaim his greatness.
3. Sing a psalm, sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds.
Make known his works to all of the earth;
people of Zion, sing for joy,
for great in your midst, great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel.

At the conclusion of the sprinkling the Bishop prays:

Bishop: May God, the Father of mercies,
dwell in this house of prayer.
May the grace of the Holy Spirit cleanse us,
for we are the temple of his presence.

All: Amen.

Gloria

We sing the refrain below after the choir and again where indicated. We also join in the responses shown.

Choir: Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.



All: Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est, peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

All: **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Choir: We worship you,



All: **glo-ry in the high - est,**

Choir: give you thanks,



All: **glo-ry in the high - est,**

Choir: praise you for your glory.

All: **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.



All: **Have mer - cy on us.**

Choir: You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.



All: **Re - ceive our prayer.**

Choir: Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

All: **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God,
the glory of God the Father.

All: **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Choir: Amen.



All: **A - men.**

Opening Prayer

Bishop: Lord, fill this place with your presence,
and extend your hand to all who call upon you.
May your word here proclaimed and your sacraments here celebrated
strengthen the hearts of all the faithful.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

The Lectionary from which the Word of God is proclaimed is brought to the Bishop. The Bishop shows the Lectionary to the people and says:

Bishop: May the word of God always be heard in this place
as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before you
and achieves your salvation within the Church.

All: Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1,6-7 "My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."

Psalm 83

We sing the refrain below after the choir and again after each verse:

Oh how lovely is your dwelling place, dwelling of the Lord of hosts! How we long for your
house, O Lord, sing - ing out a song of joy to the li - ving God!

1. Even sparrows find a home with you,
and swallows lay their young to rest.
Blessed are those who dwell in you
and sing your praise, O God!
2. Bless'd those who find their strength in you,
whose hearts are highways for your will.
Bringing joy to those around them,
they go from strength to strength.
3. For one day within your house exceeds
a thousand spent away from you.
We would rather serve within your house
than wealth and power receive.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17 "The temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple."

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand when directed

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir: In my house those who ask will receive; those who seek will always find me;
those who knock will have the door opened to them.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:23-24 "Go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering."

Homily

Please sit

The Rt. Rev. Crispian Hollis, Bishop of Portsmouth.

Prayer of Dedication and Anointings

In accordance with the tradition of the Church in both East and West, a special prayer of dedication is said. This prayer is a sign of our intention to give our church over entirely and perpetually to God for worship and ministry. The rites of anointing, incensing, covering and lighting the altar express in visible signs several aspects of the invisible work that the Lord accomplishes through the Church in its celebration of the divine mysteries, especially the Eucharist.

Please stand

Bishop: Let us ask the saints to support our prayers to God the Father almighty,
who has made the hearts of his people faithful temples of his Spirit.

Litany of the Saints

Please remain standing

We invoke the prayers of those who have gone before us in the Faith, including our own patron, St Bede, and saints from the many nationalities that make up our community here. We repeat the following refrain after the choir and again after each group of names has been read out:

Saints of God in glo - ry, be with us, re -
joice with us, sing praise with us and pray with us now.

Bishop: Lord, may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and of all the saints
make our prayers acceptable to you.

May this building,
which we dedicate to your name,
be a house of salvation and grace
where Christians gathered in fellowship
may worship you in spirit and truth
and grow together in love.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Bishop: Father in heaven,
source of holiness and true purpose,
it is right that we praise and glorify your name.

For today we come before you,
to dedicate to your lasting service
this house of prayer, this temple of worship,
this home in which we are nourished
by your Word and your sacraments.

Here is reflected the mystery of the Church.

The Church is fruitful,
made holy by the blood of Christ:
a bride made radiant with his glory,
a virgin splendid in the wholeness of her faith,
a mother blessed through the power of the Spirit.

The Church is holy,
your chosen vineyard:
its branches envelop the world,
its tendrils, carried on the tree of the Cross,
reach up to the kingdom of heaven.

The Church is favoured,
the dwelling place of God on earth:
a temple built of living stones,
founded on the apostles
with Jesus Christ its corner stone.

The Church is exalted,
a city set on a mountain:
a beacon to the whole world,
bright with the glory of the Lamb,
and echoing the prayers of her saints.

Lord, send your Spirit from heaven
to make this church an ever-holy place,
and this altar a ready table for the sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the waters of baptism
overwhelm the shame of sin;
here may your people die to sin
and live again through grace as your children.

Here may your children,
gathered around your altar,
celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Lamb,
and be fed at the table
of Christ's word and Christ's body.

Here may prayer, the Church's banquet,
resound through heaven and earth
as a plea for the world's salvation.

Here may the poor find justice,
the victims of oppression, true freedom.

From here may the whole world,
clothed in the dignity of the children of God,
enter with gladness your city of peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Anointing of the Altar and Walls

St Paul said "That rock was Christ" (1 Co. 10:4) and "Christ" means "Anointed". Just as the patriarch Jacob "took the stone he had used for his pillow, and set it up as a monument, pouring oil over the top of it" (Gn 28:18), so the Bishop pours chrism (pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance and consecrated at the annual Chrism Mass in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth) first on the altar and then on the walls. The twelve places where the walls are anointed are a clear allusion to the twelve apostles: "The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rv. 21:14).

Bishop: We now anoint this altar and this building.
May God in his power make them holy,
visible signs of the mystery of Christ and his Church.

As the Bishop, assisted by Bishop Peter Doyle, the Bishop of Northampton, anoints the altar and then the walls we repeat the following refrain while choir members add verses above it:

Please sit

Ve - ni Sanc - te Spi - ri - tus, ve - ni Sanc - te Spi - ri - tus,
 ve - ni, ve - ni Sanc - te Spi - ri - tus, ve - ni Sanc - te Spi - ri - tus!

1. Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, radiance give from celestial height.
Come, thou Spirit of the poor, come now with treasures that endure; Light of all that live!
2. Thou, of all consolers the best, thou, the soul's delightful guest, refreshing peace bestow.
Thou in toil my comfort sweet; thou coolness in the heat; thou my solace in time of woe.
3. Light immortal, light divine; fire of love our hearts refine, our inmost being fill.
Take thy grace away and nothing pure in us will stay; all our good is turned to ill.
4. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour thy dew; wash guilt away;
bend the stubborn heart, melt the frozen, warm the chill and guide the steps that go astray.
5. Sevenfold gifts on us be pleased to pour, who thee confess and thee adore;
bring us thy comfort when we die; give us life with thee on high;
give us joys, give us joys that never end.

Incensation of the Altar, People and Walls

Please stand

The fragrance acceptable to the Father is that which comes from Christ's Easter sacrifice, as we read in St Paul: "Follow Christ by loving, even as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God" (Ep. 5:2). The Book of Revelation (Rv. 5:8; 8:3-4) says that incense is also a symbol of prayer that rises to God. The altar is incensed first, then the assembled faithful and then the building. The sequence of this ritual suggests that the "holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God" (Rm. 12:1) is the individual baptised Christian and, at the same time, the entire assembly.

Bishop: Lord, may our prayer ascend as incense in your sight.
 As this building is filled with fragrance
 so may your Church fill the world with the fragrance of Christ.

During the incensation we sing the refrain below after the choir and again after each verse:

Let my prayer rise be - fore you like in - cense. Let my prayer come to you, my God.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lord, hear my voice when I call;
O hear me when I call. 2. Your love and your faithfulness are with me.
I praise your holy name. 3. Here in your holy place I revere you;
I give thanks for your name. 4. Lord, set a guard on my mouth.
O turn my heart from wrong. 5. I will bow down before you.
In you my soul is at peace. 6. Lord, Lord, come to my aid;
O hasten to help me. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Lord, keep my heart
from things that are wrong;
O keep my soul from evil. 8. O hide me in the shelter of your wings;
O Lord, be a refuge for me. 9. In the presence of your angels
I will bless you
and bow before your throne. 10. I worship you in the courts of your temple,
I praise your holy name. 11. Hold me in the palm of your hand
and keep me free from sin. |
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Lighting of the Altar and Dedication Candles

The altar has been honoured with incense. Now other signs follow so that it might efficaciously express its original function as a “table of the Lord” (1 Co. 10:21), around which happily sit the sons and daughters who share the table with Christ. The time has come, therefore, to cover the stone with a white cloth, to decorate the altar with flowers, to light lights and sing hymns of glory.

Maria Colella and Vic Johnson, who care for the altar linen and altar furnishings, cover the altar. Marjorie Brownlie and the Flower Team bring up flowers.

Christ is the “light of the world” (Jn. 8:12), “a light to enlighten the pagans” (Lk. 2:32), the only true light of the Church. That light prefigures the last condition of the human race, proper to the heavenly Jerusalem (see Rv. 21:10,22-23).

The Paschal candle is brought forth and is lit first. This candle is normally lit at the Easter Vigil, in which that rite is accompanied by these words: “May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.” The lighting of the altar and church, which flows from the lighting of the Paschal candle, teaches us that Christ is “a light to enlighten the nations”, whose brightness shines out in the Church and through it, upon the whole human family.

**Bishop: Light of Christ,
shine forth in the Church
and bring all nations
to the fullness of truth.**

As the Paschal candle is placed in its holder and the dedication candles and the altar candles are lit, we sing:

**1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people
light for the world to see.**

**Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church, gathered today.**

**2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

**3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stones.**

**5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.**



Liturgy of the Eucharist

“This altar is an object of wonder: by nature it is a stone, but it is made holy when it receives the Body of Christ”
(St John Chrysostom).

Preparation of the Gifts

Please sit

The kiss of the altar with which every Eucharistic celebration begins has been deferred because the altar was not ready; now the altar, having become the sign of the Anointed One and decorated as a joyous Easter table, is ready to receive the ritual gesture of veneration with which every Eucharist begins and ends.

The gifts of bread and wine are brought up by children from the school and presented to the Bishop.

After the altar has been prepared, the Bishop leads the community in the celebration of the Eucharist, the principal and most ancient part of the whole rite. The celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice achieves the end for which the church was built and the altar erected, and is now expressed by particularly clear signs.

Bishop: Lord, accept the gifts of a rejoicing Church.
May your people, who are gathered in this sacred place,
arrive at eternal salvation through the mysteries in which they share.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Bishop: Father of holiness and power, we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, your Son,
for you have blessed this work of our hands
and your presence makes it a house of prayer;
nor do you ever refuse us welcome
when we come before you as your pilgrim people.

In this house you realise the mystery of your dwelling among us,
for in shaping us here as your holy temple
you enrich your whole Church, which is the very body of Christ,
and thus bring closer to fulfilment the vision of your peace,
the heavenly city of Jerusalem.

And so, with all your angels and saints,
who stand in your temple of glory,
we praise you and give you thanks as we sing:

Holy, Holy

We repeat each bar after the choir:



The musical notation consists of two staves of music in 12/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Both staves have repeat signs at the end of each line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer, God of might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.---

Bles - sed, ___ bles - sed is he, he who comes in the Lord's name.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na!
Please kneel

Memorial Acclamation

We repeat each bar after the choir:

Christ_ has died, Christ_ is ri - sen, ___ Christ will come a - gain.

Great Amen

We repeat each bar after the choir:

A - men, a - - men, ___ a - men!

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand

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.

Bishop: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,
 and grant us peace in our day.
 In your mercy keep us free from sin
 and protect us from all anxiety
 as we wait in joyful hope
 for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory
 are yours, now and for ever.

Lamb of God

Please kneel

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 Sa - viour, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - ing all our sin,



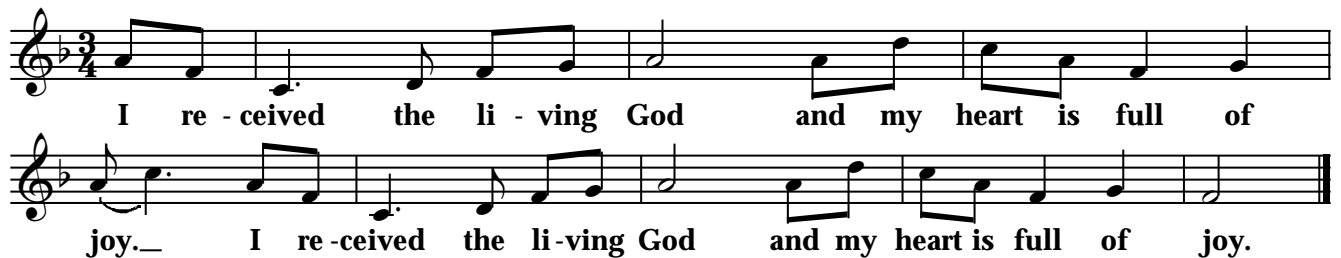
Je - sus, bear - ing all our sin, Je - sus, Sa - viour, have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, re - dee - mer of the world, Je - sus, re - dee - mer of the world,
 Je - sus, Sa - viour, O give us your peace.

Communion Hymns

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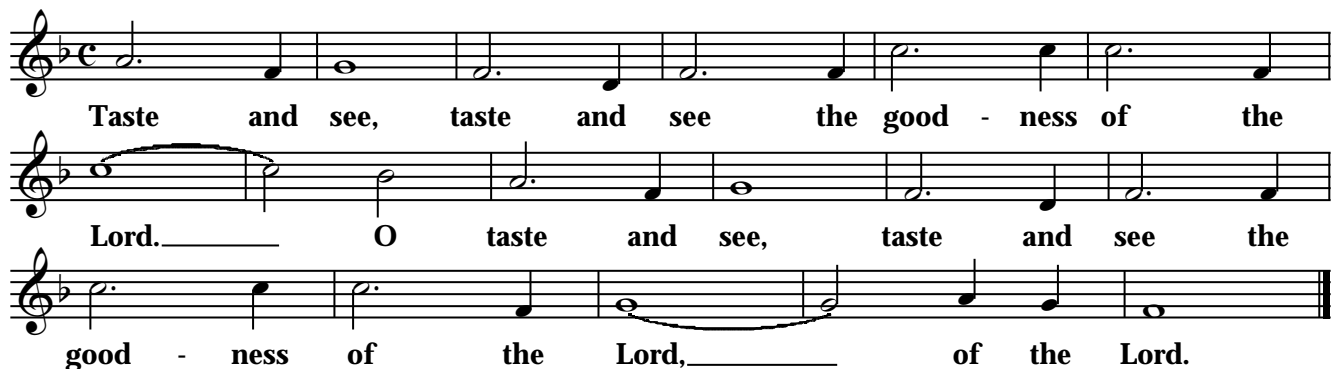
If you are coming to receive the Eucharist, please follow the directions of the stewards. If you wish to have a blessing, please come up and ask the priest or deacon for a blessing.

For each of the hymns below we sing the refrain below after the choir and again after each verse:



I re - ceived the li - ving God and my heart is full of joy.
 I re - ceived the li - ving God and my heart is full of joy.

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| <p>1. Jesus said: "I am the Bread kneaded long to give you life; you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die."</p> <p>2. Jesus said: "I am the Way, and my Father longs for you; so I come to bring you home to be one with him anew."</p> | <p>3. Jesus said: "I am the Truth; if you follow close to me, you will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free."</p> <p>4. Jesus said: "I am the Life far from whom no thing can grow, but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know."</p> |
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Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.
 O taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord,
 of the Lord.

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| <p>1. I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips. My soul shall glory in the Lord, for God has been so good to me.</p> | <p>2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.</p> |
| <p>3. Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.</p> | |

Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall u - pon the ground and
die, it re - mains but a sin - gle grain with no life.

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| <p>1. If we have died with him
then we shall live with him;
if we hold firm we shall reign with him.</p> <p>2. If anyone serves me
then they must follow me;
wherever I am my servants will be.</p> <p>3. Make your home in me
as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me bear much fruit.</p> | <p>4. If you remain in me
and my word lives in you
then you will be my disciples.</p> <p>5. Those who love me
are loved by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them.</p> <p>6. Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give to you;
peace, which the world cannot give, is my gift.</p> |
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Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand

Bishop: Lord, through these gifts
increase the vision of truth in our minds.
May we always worship you in your holy temple,
and rejoice in your presence with all your saints.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



Concluding Rites

Inauguration of the Sacrament House

The Bishop incenses the Blessed Sacrament on the altar. Then, in a small procession, he is led to the Sacrament House where he places the Blessed Sacrament. The Sacrament House, or tabernacle, reflects the “burning bush” (Ex. 3:2–5) where Moses encounters God and is told he is “on holy ground”. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved here so that the housebound and sick and others who are unable to attend the Eucharistic celebrations may receive at some other time. It is also a place for private prayer. A lamp is lit, which will burn perpetually before the Blessed Sacrament. During the procession the cantor and choir sing the following ancient hymn:

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| <p>1. Pange, lingua, gloriosi
corporis mysterium,
sanguisque pretiosi,
quem in mundi pretium
fructus ventris generosi
rex effudit gentium.</p> <p>2. Nobis datus, nobis natus
ex intacta Virgine;
et in mundo conversatus,
sparso verbi semine,
sui moras incolatus
miro clausit ordine.</p> <p>3. In supremae nocte coenae
recumbens cum fratribus,
observata lege plene
cibus in legalibus:
cibum turbae duodenae
se dat suis manibus.</p> <p>4. Verbum caro, panem verum
verbo carnem efficit:
fitque sanguis Christi merum;
et si sensus deficit,
adfirmandum cor sincerum
sola fides sufficit.</p> <p>5. Tantum ergo sacramentum
veneremur cernui:
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui:
praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.</p> <p>6. Genitori, genitoque
laus, et jubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio:
procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio. Amen.</p> | <p>1. Of the glorious Body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
and the Blood, all price excelling,
which the world's eternal King,
in a noble womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.</p> <p>2. Given for us, for us descending,
of a Virgin to proceed,
man with man in converse blending,
scattered he the Gospel seed,
'til his sojourn drew to ending,
which he closed in wondrous deed.</p> <p>3. At the last great Supper lying,
circled by his brethren's band,
meekly with the law complying,
first, he finished its command;
then, immortal food supplying,
gave himself with his own hand.</p> <p>4. Word made flesh, by word he maketh
very bread his flesh to be;
man in wine Christ's Blood partaketh,
and if senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart waketh,
to behold the mystery.</p> <p>5. Therefore, we before him bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes the inward vision clear.</p> <p>6. Glory let us give, and blessing,
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who from both, with both is one. Amen.</p> |
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After the Bishop has placed the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and incensed it he returns to the chair.

Handing Over of the Church to the Parish

The Bishop hands over the care of the church and the faith community to Monsignor Vincent Harvey and members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Final Blessing

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Deacon: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Bishop: The Lord of earth and heaven
has assembled you before him this day
to dedicate this house of prayer.
May he fill you with the blessings of heaven.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: God the Father wills that all his children,
scattered throughout the world,
become one family in his Son.
May he make you his temple,
the dwelling place of his Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: May God free you from every bond of sin,
dwell within you and give you joy.
May you live with him for ever
in the company of all his saints.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,
the Father ✠, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit ✠.

All: **Amen.**

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly__ live, a__
2. Let us build a house where pro-phets speak and words are strong and true, where
3. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and wheat: a__
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone to__
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vis - ions heard and__



place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of
all God's chil - dren dare_ to__ seek to__ dream God's reign a - new. Here the
ban - quet hall on ho - ly__ ground where peace and_ jus - tice meet. Here the
heal and streng - then, serve and_ teach, and live the_ Word they've known. Here the
loved and trea - sured, taught and_ claimed as_ words with - in the Word. Built of



hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
love of God through Je - sus is re - vealed in time and space; as we
out - cast and the stran - ger bear the i - mage of God's face; let us
tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions, All are wel-come, all are wel-come,
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us:
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel-come in this place.

Voluntary

"Toccata" by Georgi Mushel.

Please join us in the Hall, where refreshments will be served.



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