

**West Derby Learning Network
Community:**

Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday 14th May 2020



Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does.

The Word of God shapes our prayer and worship.

*The Bible shows us how to understand the world,
and how we are called to live and relate to each other.*

We come together today, united in prayer, as a family of schools to celebrate the work we have done together and will continue to do together. We hadn't anticipated to celebrate our Mass together virtually, but we still gather today and give thanks to one another.



Entrance Hymn

Here In This Place (Tune: Gather Us In)

Verse 1

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

Verse 2

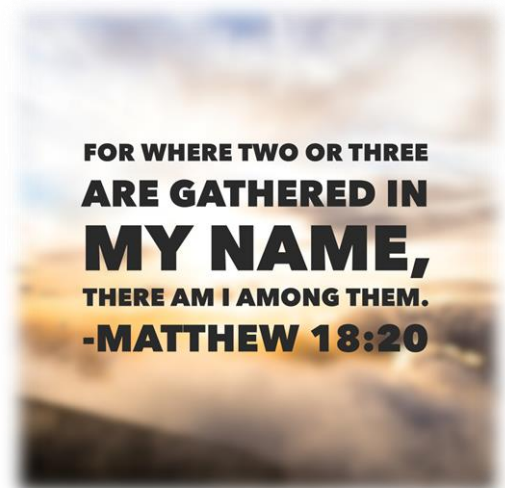
We are the young our lives are a mystery,
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Verse 3

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Verse 4

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place, the new light is shining;
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own.
Gather us in all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.



Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Peace be with you.

And with your spirit.

Welcome

Led by Fr Ian.

Penitential Rite

Reader: Lord Have Mercy

All: **Lord Have Mercy**

Reader: Christ Have Mercy

All: **Christ Have Mercy**

Reader: Lord Have Mercy

All: **Lord Have Mercy**

Opening Prayer

We thank you, Lord God,
For all what was good during the past school year,
Both the things we remember and the things we have forgotten.
We ask you to continue to take care of us during this time and for the
remainder of this academic year;
Keep us safe from harm, protect us from danger.
Help us to enjoy the long hours of sunlight;
And be glad of the company of family and friends.
We pray for all in this community.
And when we get the opportunity, may we be glad to meet together again.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (15:7-21)

"I rule that we do not make things difficult for pagans who turn to God."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Response: **Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**

Gospel Acclamation

Sing Alleluia to the Lord (x2)

**Christ has risen: He who created all things,
and has granted His mercy to men.**

Gospel John 15:22-31 "Remain in my love, and let your body be complete."

Fr Ian: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Fr Ian: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

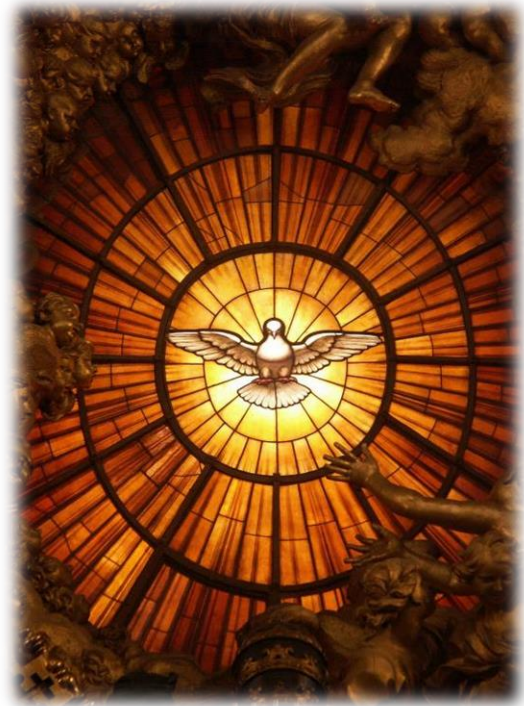
Fr Ian: The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer of the Faithful

Reader: Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**



Prayer

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

Offertory Hymn

Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord

Verse 1

Be still for the presence of the Lord,

The Holy One is here

Come bow before Him now,

With reverence and fear

In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here

Verse 2

Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
With splendor He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around



Verse 3

Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

Prayer over the Gifts

Fr Ian: Blest are you, Lord God of all creation...

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Fr Ian: Prayer, brethren (brothers and sisters)
 that my sacrifice and yours
 may be acceptable to God,
 the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice
 at your hands
 for the praise and glory of His name,
 for our good
 and the good of all His Holy Church.**



Eucharistic Prayer

Preface Dialogue

Fr Ian: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Fr Ian: Lift up your hearts.

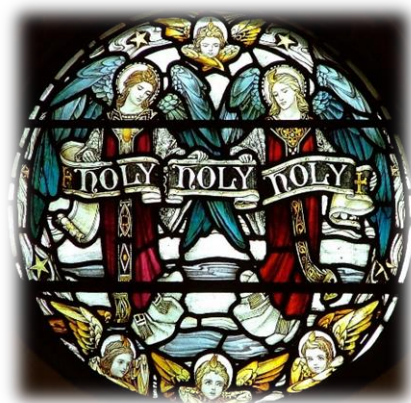
All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Fr Ian: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.



Memorial Acclamation

Fr Ian: The mystery of faith.

All: **We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.**

Fr Ian: Through Him, with Him, and in Him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
forever and ever

All: **Amen**

Our Father

**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.**



Fr Ian: Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of Your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our saviour
Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom,
The power
And the glory
Are yours
Now and for ever.**

Fr Ian: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles,
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

Lamb of God

**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.**

Invitation to Holy Communion

Fr Ian: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away
the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to
the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed**



Prayer after Communion

Blessing and Dismissal

Fr Ian: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Fr Ian: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Fr Ian: Go in peace.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light

Verse 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.

Chorus

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.



Verse 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.

CHORUS

Verse 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.

CHORUS

Verse 4

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

CHORUS

