

ALL: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL: Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others;

we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY

BEFORE ADVENT

HOLY COMMUNION



The welcome

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace
to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
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;
you are seated
at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

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 Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

READING:
ACTS 17:22-34

TALK BY:
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THE CREED

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus
Christ the Son of God.

All Though he was divine,
he did not cling
to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him
on high,
and given him
the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PRAYERS

Respond to "Lord In Your
Mercy" with "Hear Our Prayer"

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE PEACE
(PLEASE DO NOT SHAKE HANDS)

Jesus came amongst his
disciples risen from the dead
and said My Peace I leave
with you
The peace of the Lord
be always with you
and also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

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 him
thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you,
Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made
each one of us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit
and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we
might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love
Upon the cross and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them,
saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which I
given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this
in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper,
taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my
blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this
in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and
celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread
and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of
your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these gifts
make us one in Christ,
our risen Lord.

With your whole Church
Throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal
song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Breaking of the Bread
We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share
in one bread.