

**Welcome to worship in
Port Talbot Ministry Area
St Agnes' Church
Kingdom 1 - year B**

**Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in ev'ry part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.**

**Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en for the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in ev'ry part.**

**Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.**

**Fill ev'ry part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.**

**So shalt thou, Lord, receive from me
the praise and glory due;
and so shall I being on earth
the song for ever new.**

**So shall each fear, each fret, each care,
be turned into song:
and ev'ry winding of the way
the echo shall prolong.**

**So shall no part of day or night
unblest or common be;
but all my life, in ev'ry step,
be fellowship with thee.**

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

**Grace and peace be with you.
And keep you in the love of Christ.**

Today we are reminded that love must be the foundation and direction of our lives. This is not a one-sided matter, for God pours love and mercy into our lives. Let us open our hearts and minds to this love as we worship.

**Father of glory, holy and eternal, look upon us
now in power and mercy. May your strength
overcome our weakness, your radiance
transform our blindness, and your Spirit draw
us to that love shown and offered to us by
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Silence

**Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought,
word and deed, and have failed to do what
we ought to have done. We are sorry and
truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is
past and lead us in his way to walk as children
of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.
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**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.
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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

The Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sit

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 6.1-9

Moses said to all Israel: Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119

**Here is the route laid out for us to follow:
your word reveals the path we ought to tread.
You teach us how to walk and run in freedom
when by the truth we let ourselves be led —
so now we pledge to turn our backs on
falsehood,
and to be guided by your law instead.**

**Here is the spring which offers real refreshment
to weary hearts, worn down by endless strain:
within your word we find such inspiration,
and ample strength to bear our deepest pain.
Lord, in our lives renew your gracious promise
and speak the word which makes us strong
again.**

**Here is the lamp by whose illumination
your holy ways lie open to our sight;
here are the keys of knowledge and discernment:
through your commands you show us what is
right;
so, Lord, behind the searching beam of Scripture
we look for you, the source of perfect light.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9.11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel according to St Mark 12.28-34

Glory to you O Lord

One of the scribes came near to Jesus and the Sadducees and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the

scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself", - this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

The Sermon

Stand

The Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

The prayers end with:

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

Stand

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love. Let
the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, the
peace to which we are called as members of a
single body.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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The Offertory Hymn

Alleluia, sing to Jesus;
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus, out of ev'ry nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
here on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
come to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
he the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth his footstool, heav'n his throne;
he within the veil has entered
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
he on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.
**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.**

The Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy at all
times and in all places to give you thanks and
praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty,
everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your only
Son our Lord.

Whose dominion is over all creation, that he
may present to you an eternal and universal
kingdom, a kingdom of life and truth, of grace
and holiness, a kingdom of righteousness and
justice, of love and peace.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with
all the company of heaven we proclaim your
great and glorious name, for ever praising you
and saying:

**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.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Through him accept our sacrifice of praise, and grant that, by the power of your Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine may be for us his body and his blood; who in the same night that he was betrayed took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying, Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, Father, remembering the saving death and resurrection of your Son we offer to you in thanksgiving this bread and this cup, your gifts to us, and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us who share this bread and this cup. Strengthen our faith, make us one and welcome us and all your people into the glorious kingdom of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**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.**

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

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

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.

Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world: Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

During Communion

**Glory be to Jesus
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the lifeblood
from his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find:
blest be his compassion
infinitely kind.**

**Blest, through endless ages,
be the precious stream
which, from endless torment,
did the world redeem.**

**There the fainting spirit
drinks of life her fill;
there, as in a fountain,
laves herself at will.**

**Abel's blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies,
but the blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries.**

**Oft as it is sprinkled
on our guilty hearts
Satan in confusion
terror-struck departs.**

**Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing,
make their glad reply.**

**Lift, then, all your voices,
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder,
praise the precious blood.**

Stand

The Sending Out

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.**

**Lord of heaven, in this Eucharist you have
brought us near to an innumerable company
of angels and to the spirits of the just made
perfect: as in this food of our earthly
pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sit for the notices etc.

Stand

The Blessing

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

**Christ the King make you faithful and strong to
do his will, and bring you to reign with him in
glory 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.**

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now, and at the hour of our death.**

Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto to me according to your word.
Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
**That we may be made worthy of the promises
of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech you, O Lord, to pour your grace
into our hearts; that as we have known the
Incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the
message of an angel, so by his cross and passion
+ we may be brought to the glory of his
resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement giv'n**

**But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed,
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the scope of human mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind,
If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our hearts would find assurance
in the promise of the Lord.**