

**Welcome to worship in
Port Talbot Ministry Area
St Agnes' Church
Proper 25 - year B**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before
thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of man made blind by sin thy glory
may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

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.

We come together as the people of God in this
place, to praise God for the miracle of our
salvation and to seek God's blessing for our
world.

**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.

God loved the world so much that he gave his
only Son, that everyone who believes in him
may not die but have eternal life. Trusting in
that love we come to God.

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

The priest prays the collect for the day

Sit

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 31. 7-9

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path

in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

Psalm 126

**When you brought the captives home
it was a dream come true;
joy and laughter overflowed
in gratitude to you.**

**For in that call to freedom
a new life had begun,
and even non-believers
confessed what you had done!**

**All that you have done for us
has filled us with delight;
we have felt your tenderness
and seen your saving might.**

**But now our souls are barren,
our hearts are desert-dry;
renew us, Lord, revive us —
for streams of grace we cry.**

**When your servants go in tears
to sow their precious grain,
grant a joyful harvest-hymn
to lead them home again.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 7. 23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled,

separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel according to St Mark 10. 46
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Glory to you O Lord

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As they and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Love in all sincerity. Never pay back evil for evil. If possible, so far as it lies with you, live at peace with all.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour,
first begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
**Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread.**

Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving rev'rence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
**Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.**

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.
**Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.**

Paschal Lamb, thine off'ring finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall forevermore remain,
**Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.**

Life imparting heav'nly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died.
**Alleluia, alleluia,
ris'n, ascended, glorified!**

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.

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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.

He is your eternal Word: through him you created the universe and formed us men and women in your own image. You sent him to be our Saviour, born of Mary through the power of the Spirit. Upon the cross he opened wide his arms of mercy, embracing us in perfect love, destroying the power of evil, suffering and death.

On the first day of the week you raised him from the dead and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Through him you have given us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us your own sons and daughters.

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

**Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.**

**And I trust and hope most fully
in the Saviour crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.**

**Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.**

**And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
Holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.**

**Adoration ay be given,
with and thro' th' angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Stand

The Sending Out

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

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Sit for the notices etc.

Stand

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ, who nourishes you with himself, the living bread and the true vine, make you one in praise and service, and raise you up at the last day 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

**Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.**

**King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with him his servants gain;
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**

**Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth,
The world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to recreate.**

**Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
he claims our minds to search his ways;
he claims our lips to speak his truth;
he claims our hearts to sing his praise.**

**We are his Church, he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.**

