

**Welcome to worship in  
Port Talbot Ministry Area  
St Agnes' Church  
Proper 5 - year A**

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**At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure, we should call him  
Lord,  
who, from the beginning, was the mighty  
Word.**

**At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the angels' faces, all the host of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their  
way,  
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came;  
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he  
passed.**

**Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures to the central  
height;  
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's  
breast,  
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

**In your hearts enthrone him; there let him  
subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your captain in temptation's  
hour,  
let his will enfold you with its light and pow'r.**

**Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

**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.**

The Lord Jesus sets for us his table of his word and his body. May we listen to him and learn from him, to open our hearts and hands to friend and foe in need.

**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.**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins 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**

*The priest prays the collect for the day*

**Sit**

### **A reading from the prophet Hosea 5.15-6.6**

Hear the word of the Lord, O people of Israel: I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the

earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that does away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

### **Psalm 50**

**The mighty God addresses all creation:  
in storm and flame he speaks from heaven's  
throne.  
From east to west the word of summons  
echoes  
to gather those he called to be his own;  
and though his righteousness pervades the  
cosmos,  
the judge himself now makes his judgements  
known.**

**He has no need of sacrificial rituals  
of lavish gifts, or offerings made by fire;  
he holds the earth, with all its teeming  
creatures  
each one is his; what more could he require?  
But thankful hearts, and vows which are  
remembered,  
and humble prayers fulfil the Lord's desire.**

**Yet who would dare bring empty words of  
homage  
and disregard the challenge to obey?  
If we indulge our passion, greed or slander,  
does he not grieve to see us go astray?  
With thankful hearts, and open to your voice,  
Lord,  
we come to seek your new and living way.**

**A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans**  
4.13-25

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew 9.9-13,18-26

**Glory to you O Lord**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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**

Jesus said: 'Love one another. As I have  
loved you, so you are to love one another.'

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**

**Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave your self behind  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you, and you in me.**

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.

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**

Immortal love, for ever full,  
for ever flowing free,  
for ever shared, for ever whole,  
a never ebbing sea.

Our outward lips confess the name  
all other names above;  
love only knoweth whence it came  
and comprehendeth love.

O warm, sweet, tender, even yet  
a present help is he;  
and faith has still its Olivet,  
and love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress  
is by our beds of pain;  
we touch him in life's throng and press,  
and we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said  
our lips of childhood frame;  
the last low whispers of our dead  
are burdened with his name.

Alone, O love ineffable,  
thy saving name is giv'n;  
to turn aside from thee is hell,  
to walk with thee is heav'n.

## **Stand**

### **The Sending Out**

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

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and  
touched with our hands the bread of life.  
Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love  
for you and for each other, through Jesus  
Christ, our risen Lord. **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**

**Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.**

**O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.**

**The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliv'rance he affords to all  
who on his succour trust.**

**O make but trial of his love:  
experience will decide  
how blest are they, and only they,  
who in his truth confide.**

**Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make you his service your delight,  
your wants shall be his care.**