

**Welcome to worship in  
Port Talbot Ministry Area  
St Agnes' Church  
Proper 13 - year A**

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Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim though this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises,  
I will ever give to 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.**

Psalm 145 tells us that "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." As we celebrate God's overflowing generosity, let us open our hearts in praise and thanksgiving.

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.**

This is a true saying, to be completely accepted and believed: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. So we prepare to acknowledge our sinfulness.

*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 Isaiah 55.1-5**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See,

you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

### **Psalm 145**

**Under his gracious reign  
mercy will never fail;  
anger is seldom found,  
kindness and love prevail:  
his kingdom ever will endure,  
a realm eternally secure.**

**Promises made — and kept;  
love which embraces all;  
strength for the weary heart,  
courage for those who fall —  
our God provides what each requires;  
he loves to meet our hearts' desires.**

**Let us exalt our King,  
serve him in godly fear —  
trusting his saving power,  
conscious that he is near.  
How right it is to spread his fame!  
Let every being praise his name!**

### **A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans 9.1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

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

## **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

## **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew 14.13-21

### **Glory to you O Lord**

Now when Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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, This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

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

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
widely as his mercy flows.**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the high eternal One.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise with us the God of grace.**

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**

**Jerusalem the golden,  
with milk and honey blest,  
beneath thy contemplation  
sink heart and voice oppressed:  
I know not, ah, I know not,  
what joys await us there;  
what radiancy of glory,  
what bliss beyond compare.**

**They stand, those halls of Zion,  
all jubilant with song,  
and bright with many angels,  
and all the martyr throng;  
the prince is ever in them,  
the daylight is serene;  
the pastures of the blessed  
are decked in glorious sheen.**

**There is the throne of David;  
and there, from care released,  
the shout of them that triumph,  
the song of them that feast;  
and they who with their Leader  
have fully run the race,  
are robed in white for ever  
before their Saviour's face.**

**O sweet and blessed country,  
the home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country,  
that eager hearts expect!  
Jesus, in mercy, bring us  
to that dear land of rest,  
who art, with God the Father,  
and the Spirit, ever blest.**

## ***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**

**Forth in thy Name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Preserve me from my calling's snare,  
and hide my simple heart above,  
above the thorns of choking care,  
the gilded baits of worldly love.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.**

**Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day.**

**For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.**