

The Anglican Church In Slovenia



The Transfiguration of our Lord
Gerard David, Circa 1500
The Church of our Lady, Bruges

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THE SUNDAY LAST BEFORE LENT

The Transfiguration of our Lord...

The Holy Eucharist

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We welcome all visitors with us today.

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The Gathering

**The Processional Hymn: *My God how wonderful thou art*
Hymnal 343**

The Celebrant greets the people with these or similar words:

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

Amen.

The Children's Message

**The Commissioning
Of Licensed Reader Janet Berkovic**

The Prayer of Preparation

The Congregation prays together:

**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.**

The Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant says:

By the mercies of God, let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to him, which is our spiritual worship.

After a moment's silence, the Celebrant begins, and the People continue:

We confess: 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.

The Kyrie

The Congregation repeats each versicle after the Celebrant.

**Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria in Excelsis may then be recited:

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

The Celebrant says:

Let us pray...

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."

So, they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know. Keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here. For, the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So, they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know. Be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here. For, the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So, the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water. The water was parted to the one side and to the other until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing. Yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And, Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, Father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

DEUS DEORUM

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

*In keeping with ancient Anglican custom,
the Congregation is asked to stand for the Doxology.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

The Congregation may again be seated.

Glory Be

The Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Even if our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

For we do not proclaim ourselves. We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Hymn: Hail to the Lord's anointed
The Hymnal 193

The Gospel

The Celebrant then says:

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Saint Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed is one of the most ancient formulations of our faith. Celebrant and people proclaim it together:

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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 with 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 Prayers of Intercession

Intercessor: In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father. Our response to each petition is: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father: Strengthen Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Robert and David, our Bishops; and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy...

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for the Church in South Sudan. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all Licensed Readers of the Diocese. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Bless and guide Charles, King of the British and Commonwealth Family of Nations. Grant him your saving grace and a speedy return to good health. Bless Nataša Pirc Musar, the President of Slovenia; and the leaders of all the nations. Grant them wisdom in the fulfilment of their duties and shield them from the temptations of arrogance and corruption. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for the poor and innocent in the world; for refugees and migrants, especially here in Central Europe; and for peace in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. We pray for the peoples of Ukraine during this time of war and upheaval in their land. We pray also for the peoples of Israel and Palestine; may peace come once again to their lands. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray that the Lord will continue to bless our Anglican communities across Central Europe with growth in Spirit and numbers, so that our communities might become a spiritual home to the many who are seeking God's love and mercy in our cities and beyond. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pause and add in silence the names of those living for whom we pray this day. [*Pause.*] Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray in thanksgiving for the lives of those faithful departed among family and friends whom we remember today. [*Pause.*] Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God; Our Patron, Saint Margaret of Scotland; and all your saints; we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love. We pray in thanksgiving this day for the ministry of Licensed Reader Janet Berkovic, as she is today commissioned. Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

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

The Peace

The Celebrant introduces the Peace, praying:

Kindle, O Lord, we pray, in the hearts of all the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.

The Celebrant then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The people may share a sign of peace:

A smile, a wave of the hand,

A bow, or a handshake.

The Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant may then say:

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labour to the Lord.

The Offertory Hymn: *My faith looks up to thee*
The Hymnal 339

The Liturgy of The Sacrament

The Preparation

The Celebrant takes the bread and wine respectively into his hands and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given, and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Celebrant says:

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 God thanks and praise.

The following section of the prayer is known as the Preface and may vary according to the particular season of the church year.

The Celebrant prays:

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this day, he revealed his glory before his chosen witnesses and filled with divine splendour the human flesh in which he is one with us.

So, he prepared his disciples to bear the scandal of the cross and showed that in the Church, his body, the same glory would be fulfilled that shone forth from him, its head. And so, with joyful hearts we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as they praise your glory without end:

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.

In the Epiclesis and Words of Institution, the most solemn prayers of the Eucharist, the Celebrant calls down the Holy Spirit upon the elements, making them for us the sacred Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 this, all of you; 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.

The Celebrant says:

Great is the mystery
of faith:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come
again.**

Or:

Christ is
the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and
drink this cup, we proclaim
your death, Lord Jesus, until
you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup, and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup; so that we, in the company of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God; Saint Margaret of Scotland; and all the saints; may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord:

By Whom, and with Whom, and in Whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant says:

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us in English or the language of our choosing:

**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.**

The Breaking Of The Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying

Either:

Every time we eat this
bread and drink this cup:

**We proclaim the Lord's
death until he comes.**

Or:

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.**

The following is then said or sung:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

The Celebrant presents the sacred elements to the people:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world;

Blessed 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.

DOMINE NON SUM DIGNUS

*The Clergy and People now receive Communion.
All Baptized Christians in good standing
with their own church are welcome to receive
Holy Communion.*

*Baptized children may also receive Communion
at their parents' discretion.
Anyone may come forward for a blessing only.*

*You may partake of the Common Cup.
For reasons of hygiene, the Church of England
discourages the practice of Intinction,
the dipping of the Communion Bread into the Chalice.*

*Remember also that the Sacrament
is complete even if you partake
of only one of the elements.*



The Celebrant and Chalice Bearer may say these or similar words as the elements are given:

The body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The Prayer After Communion

The people standing, the Celebrant then says the Post-Communion Prayer.

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: May we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The following Prayer is then said together:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant says the following or some other suitable 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.

The Announcements and Notices



*We welcome Everyone
Worshipping with us
Today!*



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

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THANK YOU!

**TO EVERYONE
WHO HELPED MAKE
THIS SERVICE POSSIBLE**

The Children's Message

The Recessional Hymn: *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*
The Hymnal 82

The Dismissal

*Following the Recessional, the Celebrant
dismisses the Congregation with these or similar words:*

Let us go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.