



## **Fourth Sunday of the Year**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 : 9 o'clock

All STAND as the procession enters the church.

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Daniel L Schutte SJ*

## Entrance Rites

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

May almighty God have mercy on us, for give us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

*The common of the Mass is taken from the Mass of Saint Luke, Evangelist, composed by Teresa Brown*

Ky-ri-e, e - le-i-son. Ky-ri-e, e - le-i-son.

Chri-ste, e - le-i-son. Chri-ste, e - le-i-son.

Ky-ri-e, e - le-i-son. Ky-ri-e, e - le-i-son.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to  
peo-ple of good-will. Glo-ry to God in the high-est and on  
earth peace to peo-ple of good-will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,  
we give you thanks for your great glo - ry. Lord God,  
hea-ven - ly King. O God, al-migh - ty Fa-ther.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,  
re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the  
right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the  
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly  
Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.  
A - men. A - men.

*At the end of the Collect all respond:*

... who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*All SIT.*

## Liturgy of the Word

*The first reading is taken from the book of Deuteronomy (18:18-19);  
I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.*

The word of the Lord.

Amen.

*The responsorial is taken from Psalm 94:1-2. 6-9, response verse 9:*

If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

*All STAND for the Gospel, taken from Saint Mark (1:21-28); He  
taught them with authority.*

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

A people in darkness have seen a great light;  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel all respond:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All SIT for the homily, preached by Father Simon.*

*At the end of the homily is the Rite of Enrolment of the prospective  
First Holy Communion children:*

Dear friends, we are happy to welcome here among us today all those children from our parish who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. We will not read out the names of all the children and each child will stand as his or her name is called.

*A catechist reads out the names of the children, who STAND in their places.*

Dear friends, please take note of these children. They will have a very special place in our community during the coming months. Please pray for them and their families as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

*The children SIT and their parents STAND.*

Dear parents, a few years ago you asked to have your child baptised. In doing so you accepted the responsibility of teaching your child to know Jesus. Your presence here is a sign of the commitment you made at your child's baptism. Is it your wish that your child now be prepared to receive Jesus in the Eucharist?

**Yes, it is.**

A child's preparation for their First Holy Communion can not take place without the support and involvement of his or her family. Do you promise to take a full part in the preparation of your child's First Holy Communion?

**Yes, we do.**

The parish of Saint Mary and Saint Augustine, Stamford, joyfully welcomes you into the First Holy Communion programme, and I now invite the children to come forward to receive their Missal, a gift from our parish as they begin their journey.

*Father Simon calls each child forward to receive a Missal, a gift from the parish, and then each child returns to his or her place.*

O God, in your great love, you gave us Jesus Christ to be our Bread of Life. Bless these children who are preparing to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Bless their families who are helping and guiding them. Bless this parish community, that we may be an example to these children of what receiving the Eucharist really means: a commitment to living the Gospel in word and deed.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your greatest gift to us.

**Amen.**



*All STAND as we profess our faith:*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The response to the Prayer of the Faithful is:*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*We pray to Our Lady:*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;

blessed art thou among 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.

**Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

*All SIT as the gifts are brought forward and the collection is taken.*

All that I am, all that I do,

all that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.

Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord.  
Knowing that I love and serve you is enough reward.

All that I am, all that I do,

all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

All that I dream, all that I pray,

all that I'll ever make, I give to you today.

Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord.  
Knowing that I love and serve you is enough reward.

All that I am, all that I do,

all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

*Sebastian Temple*

*All STAND.*

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours 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.**

*After the Prayer over the Offerings the Preface begins:*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

*At the end of the Preface all sing:*



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-  
- san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na, ho-san - na. Ho-  
- san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na, ho-san - na.  
Bles-sed is he who comes, bles-sed is he,  
bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
- san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na, ho-san - na. Ho-  
- san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na, ho-san - na.

*All KNEEL for the Eucharistic Prayer, during which we acclaim:*

The mystery of Faith:

When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death,  
O Lord, until you come again.

*At the end of the Prayer we affirm our belief:*

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

*All STAND.*

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  
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.

... and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

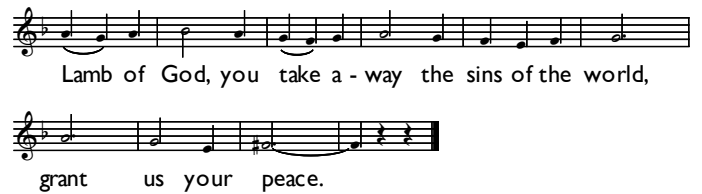
And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*After offering the Sign of Peace we sing:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
- way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,  
grant us your peace.

*All KNEEL.*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the  
world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only  
say the word and my soul shall be healed.

*During the distribution of Holy Communion we sing:*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury your pardon, Lord.

And where there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness only light,

and where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek

so much to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

in giving to all that we receive,

and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Sebastian Temple*

*All STAND for the Prayer after Communion, at the end we respond:*

... for ever and ever.

Amen.

*After announcements Father Simon gives the Blessing and Dismissal:*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy  
Spirit.

Amen.

Go and announce the gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*We conclude our Mass by singing together:*

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords  
that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,

bind us together with love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.

There is only one Body. That is why we sing:

Made for the glory of God, purchased by his precious Son,  
born with the right to be free, for Jesus the victory has won.

You are the family of God, you are the promise divine,  
you are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine.

*Bob Gillman*