

THE GATHERING

Blanca welcomes people to worship

INTROIT HYMN

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome are said and the theme introduced.

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Blanca – let's confess our sins to God

Minister The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
of a broken and contrite heart
the Word God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord,
who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions
in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness
and lack of love: fill us with your
Spirit.

All Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Minister of the Word We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.

All Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Minister of the Word We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.

All Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We keep a period of silence.

President 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.

All **Amen.**

There is no Gloria in Lent.

The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said, and all respond **Amen***

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – read by Blanca

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God

said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading – read by Joan

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading – read by David

*Gospel
reader* Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God:
O that today you would listen to his
voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,
"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,
"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '
Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him." '

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

at the end of the reading ...

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

Sermon – Revd Bennett

After the sermon, there is a period of silence.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

President Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

President Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

President Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

President This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions – led by Dominic

President *Let us pray for the church and for the world
and let us be thankful for God's goodness*

Prayers are offered for the Church of Christ, Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority, the local community, those who suffer, and and the communion of saints.

After each prayer ...

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final prayer ...

Intercessor God of mercy,
**hear our prayer.
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy forever.
Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Please stand.

President Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table

President God of our journey, as we walk with
you
on your path of obedience, sustain us
on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

President Lift up your hearts.

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

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your
world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home

to the city where angels sing your
praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

All **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.**

President Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your
light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

President The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

President Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread
and this cup we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again, and is alive
with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

President Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one
body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

All **Lamb of God, you take away the
sin
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the
sin
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the
sin
of the world, grant us peace.**

(or)

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those
who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive
you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

(or)

President God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer before Distribution

All **Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs
from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us with the
precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of
Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion or other suitable prayer is said.

Notices

Final Prayer

Blanca **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 AND SENDING OUT

Please stand.

President **The Lord be with you
and also with you.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross,
and follow him;

and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you
and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Our worship is over: our service begins.