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St Fagan's Church, Aberdare

ORDER FOR THE HOLY EUCHARIST

CHRIST THE KING

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE KINGDOM

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

When the bell rings, all stand to sing the hymn:

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GREETING

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 KYRIES

All sing:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The priest invites the people to confess their sins, after which all say:

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.**

All sing:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory, mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit

FIRST READING

Daniel describes his vision of "an Ancient One" – that is, God himself. He also describes "one like a human being" – a reference to the Messiah (Jesus) who will be given a dominion that will never pass away.

A reading from the book of Daniel

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. *(Daniel 7. 9-10, 13, 14)*

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

PSALM

All say together:

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore. *(Psalm 93)*

SECOND READING

John begins his book in the form of a letter. In this opening section, and in an echo of the Daniel passage, he describes a vision of Jesus coming in glory at the end of time.

A reading from the Revelation to John

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. *(Revelation 1. 4b-8)*

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

All stand to sing:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth, he is the King of creation.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.**

HOLY GOSPEL

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

(John 18. 33-37)

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

All sit

SERMON

All stand to say:

NICENE 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.

All sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During which the following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

At the end:

Merciful Father:

**accept these prayers, for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All say:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

All stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

The priest introduces the peace and then says:

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace. During the preparation of the altar, all sing the following hymn:

1 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.

2 At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
cherubim in heaven,
stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders
in their great array.

3. 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
in its light and pow'r.

4. 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.

THE THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, 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 offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

The priest prays the preface which concludes with:

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.

All sit

The priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer which concludes with:

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.

Silence is kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

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.

AGNUS DEI

All sing:

**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.**

THE COMMUNION

Jesus is 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.

Please follow the directions of the wardens to come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

1. When I needed a neighbour,
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour,
were you there?

Chorus

*And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
were you there?*

3. I was cold, I was naked,
were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked,
were you there?

Chorus

5. When I needed a healer,
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer,
were you there?

Chorus

2. I was hungry and thirsty,
were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty,
were you there?

Chorus

4. When I needed a shelter,
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter,
were you there?

Chorus

6. Wherever you travel,
I'll be there, I'll be there?
Wherever you travel,
I'll be there?

Chorus

*And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.*

From heav'n, you came helpless babe
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve
and give Your life that we might live.

Chorus:

*This is our God, the Servant King
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
"Yet not my will but yours", he said.

Chorus:

Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

Chorus:

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Chorus:

We keep a time of quiet after the Communion hymns.

All remain seated for the notices; then all stand.

THE SENDING OUT

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All say together:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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

The priest gives the blessing which concludes with:

... 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.**

All sing the final hymn when the collection will also be taken:

1. Rejoice the Lord is King
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Chorus:

Lift up your heart!

lift up your voice!

Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

2. Jesus, the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love:
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

Chorus:

3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.

Chorus:

Lift up your heart!

lift up your voice!

Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

Chorus:

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