

## St. John the Baptist, Old Malden



# Lent

*The Eucharist*

*The Choir, Altar party, and President enter quietly and take our places, then the Choir leads us as we sing*

### **The Lent Prose**

***Response: Hearken, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against thee.***

To thee, Redeemer, King of highest heaven,  
Lift we our eyes in grief and deep abasement:  
listen, O Saviour, to our supplications. ***Response:***

Head of the Corner, right hand of the Father,  
Way of salvation, Gate of life eternal,  
Wash thou away the stain of our offences. ***Response:***

Lord, we beseech thee, from thy throne of glory  
bow down thine ear to hear our cry of sorrow,  
look down in mercy on our sore transgressions. ***Response:***

All our misdoings now we lay before thee,  
unveil with contrite heart each guilty secret  
Saviour, in pity grant us thy forgiveness. ***Response:***

Guiltless, a captive taken unresisting,  
By false accusers brought to condemnation.  
Save, Lord, and help the souls thou hast redeemed. ***Response:***

### **The Gathering**

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

### **The Greeting**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**Whose mercy endures forever.**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **Words of Welcome**

*The children collect their Cross, Bible, and Candle after the*  
**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.**

*Please sit or kneel for our*

**Prayers of Penitence**

***(From Ash Wednesday until Passion Sunday)***

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

***(From Passion Sunday until the Wednesday of Holy Week)***

God shows his love for us in that,  
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Choir leads us as we sing*

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*The president 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 Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer then the Collect is said, and all respond **Amen.***

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*(The readings and psalm are usually found on the Pew Leaflet.)*

*We sit for the*

**Old Testament Reading**

**New Testament Reading**

**Psalm**

**Gospel Reading**

*As the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

***(From Ash Wednesday until Passion Sunday)***

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.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

***(From Passion Sunday until the Wednesday of Holy Week)***

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel Reading concludes with:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon** *(followed by a brief silence for reflection)*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The president may introduce the Peace with:*

***(From Ash Wednesday until Passion Sunday)***

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

***(From Passion Sunday until the Wednesday of Holy Week)***

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus  
we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### Preparation of the Table

**Offertory Hymn** *(during which the Collection is taken  
and bread and wine is taken up to the altar)*

### Offertory Prayer

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 for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer (*Prayer A*)**

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 thanks and praise.**

***(From Ash Wednesday until Passion Sunday)***

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing: ***Holy, holy, holy...***

***(From Passion Sunday until the Wednesday of Holy Week)***

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.  
The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to 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 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.†

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,



and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love,  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

*Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,  
as we say together*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.*

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 Agnus Dei**

**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.**

### **Giving of Communion**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

### **Prayer after Communion**

*The president says the Post Communion Prayer,  
then we all say 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.**

## Notices

### The Blessing

***(From Ash Wednesday until Passion Sunday)***

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***(From Passion Sunday until the Wednesday of Holy Week)***

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Final Hymn

### The Dismissal

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