



# Welcome to The Mass

*with*



## **Voluntary** Aria – *Flor Peeters*

¶ **Please stand** for the opening hymn, *Christ is made the sure foundation*

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
And the precious corner-stone,  
Who, the two walls underlying,  
Bound in each, binds both in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
Dearly loved by God on high,  
In exultant jubilation  
Pours perpetual melody,  
God the One, in Threefold glory,  
Singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness,  
Hear thy people as they pray;  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls for ay.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in love, and One in splendour,  
While unending ages run.

## **The Gathering**

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

**All** **Amen.**

*Priest* The Lord be with you  
**All** **and also with you.**

¶ **Please SIT**

## **Review of Holiday Club**

### **Living on a Prayer (parody)**

Simon used to work on the docks, fish had been on strike

He's down on his luck it's tough, so tough.

John fishes with him all day, working for the man

They bring home their pay for what? For what?

They say we've got to hold on to what we've got

Christ can make a difference are we ready or not

We've got each other and that's a lot

For God we'll give it a shot.

Whoa, we're half way there

Whoa, livin' on a prayer

Take my hand and we'll make it I swear

Whoa livin' on a prayer.

Andrew's fixing nets for the catch, now he feels like giving in

Romans make life so tough, it's tough.

James he dreams of running away, when he cries in the night

The Lord whispers James it's okay, someday.

We've got to hold on to what we've got

Christ can make a difference are we ready or not

We've got each other and that's a lot

For God we'll give it a shot.

Whoa, we're half way there

Whoa, livin' on a prayer

Take my hand and we'll make it I swear

Whoa livin' on a prayer, livin' on a prayer.

We've got to hold on ready or not

You live for the light when that's all that you've got.

Whoa, we're half way there .....

Whoa, we're half way there .....

Whoa, we're half way there .....

## Saying Sorry

*Priest* In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world  
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

## Forgiveness

*Priest* May God our Father forgive you your sins  
and bring you to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints for ever.

**All Amen.**

## Prayer for the Week

*Priest* Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

¶ **Please STAND**

## Bible Reading

### Matthew 7:24-27

*Voice I* Anyone who hears these words of mine and obeys them is like a  
wise man who built his house on rock.

Voice 2 The rain poured down, the rivers overflowed, and the wind blew hard against that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on rock.

Voice 1 But anyone who hears these words of mine and does not obey them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

Voice 2 The rain poured down, the rivers overflowed, the wind blew hard against that house, and it fell. And what a terrible fall that was!

Narrator When Jesus finished saying these things, the crowd was amazed at the way he taught. He wasn't like the teachers of the Law; instead, he taught with authority.

¶ Please SIT

## **A Reflection**

¶ Please STAND

## **What we believe**

**All We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

¶ Please SIT

## **Prayers**

At the front of the church this morning is a pile of stones that remind us of the heavy responsibilities and burdens we can sometimes carry, and we are to think about how we help one another and God helps us. We remember all those in the world who struggle and suffer today, whether they are near or far away. We bring to mind people who need our thoughts and prayers today and finally we pray ourselves. As we pray each short prayer we will

place a tea light amongst the stones to remind us that the light of Christ shines and changes our world.

So let us pray:

Loving God,  
We thank you for your presence with us  
In all of life.  
In times of celebration and in times of sorrow,  
In happy and hard times.  
That your light shines in our world and our lives,  
Helping us to see with new vision,  
To see each other as your beloved people,  
And to discern your Spirit with us.

Jesus light of the world,  
**Reshape our world.**

We think of those in our world who suffer today...  
Those who are hungry and thirsty,  
Those whose lives are in danger.  
We pray especially for places in the world  
Where there is war and conflict,  
Thinking especially of Russia and Ukraine,  
Israel and Palestine.

Jesus light of the world,  
**Reshape our world.**

We bring to mind those who struggle in our communities...  
We give thanks for Christians Against Poverty working with vulnerable families,  
For local Food Banks supporting those who are hungry.  
For hospitals and social workers caring for those who are in need.  
We pray for those in our community who are lonely and afraid,  
Those who are isolated and vulnerable.

Jesus light of the world,  
**Reshape our world.**

We think of those who lead the world today...  
Remembering political leaders and all those who shape and form opinion.  
They carry big responsibilities and make important decisions,

May they do so with a care towards the most vulnerable  
And a concern for the good of all people.

Jesus light of the world,  
**Reshape our world.**

Finally, we pray for ourselves  
And the responsibilities that we carry,  
For our families and friends.  
Giving thanks for all those who help and support us.  
That our homes and communities  
Will be places of acceptance, welcome and forgiveness.  
We pray for those who are unwell,  
At home and in hospital.

Jesus light of the world,  
**Reshape our world.**

Loving God,  
We remember that you are the rock  
On which we can build our lives,  
Giving us a firm foundation and confidence in our living.  
We remember that you are light for us  
As we walk in your ways and in the light you bring.  
And so we are confident to say together...

**Jesus light of the world,  
Reshape our world.**

¶ **Please STAND**

## **The Peace**

*Priest* God has called us to live in peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All and also with you.**

¶ **A song for what we are offering at the Mass, *The Rock***

Build your house on the Rock  
On this land, you won't be knocked  
Build your life on the top  
Make you home upon the Rock.  
Build your house on the Rock  
On this land, you won't be knocked

Build your life on the top  
Make your home upon the Rock.

Stand strong, God is with you  
Stand strong, God is for you  
Stand strong, Jesus is the Rock you're on.

There is hope on the Rock  
In the storms, you won't be knocked  
Fix your eyes on the Cross  
Jesus Christ, my Solid Rock.

Stand strong, God is with you  
Stand strong, God is for you  
Stand strong, Jesus is the Rock you're on.

Jesus, You hold the world  
In Your hands, in Your hands.  
I am secure in Your plans, in Your plans.

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Stand strong, God is with you  
Stand strong, God is for you  
Stand strong, Jesus is the Rock you're on.

Jesus, You hold the world  
In Your hands, in Your hands  
I am secure in Your plans, in Your plans  
You are the Rock on which my life stands on.

¶ **Please remain **STANDING****

**Mass Setting:** Dom Gregory Murray

### **The Eucharistic (*thanksgiving*) Prayer**

*Priest* The Lord is here  
**All His Spirit is with us.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**



*Priest* And now we give you thanks  
Because of the unity you have given us in your Son  
And that you are the God and Father of us all,  
Above all and through all and in all.  
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:

*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.**

**¶ Please SIT or KNEEL**

*Priest* We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
  
Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.  
  
On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'  
  
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Blessed Mary, Nicolas, and all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**All        Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Priest*        Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All        Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
in 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 Bread**

*Priest*        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.**

**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.**

*ALL are welcome to make your communion.*

*Sidespeople will guide you.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest* Eternal God and Father,  
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,  
as he is one with you:  
draw us closer to him,  
that in common love and obedience to you  
we may be united to one another  
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,  
that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**All 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.**

**¶ STAND** for the Final hymn, *Praise to the Lord*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Come ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
All the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for ay we adore him.

### **The Blessing & Dismissal**

*Priest*      The Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God,  
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,  
to accept his truth more faithfully,  
and to share his life more lovingly;  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All**      **Amen.**

*Priest*      The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All**      **In the name of Christ, amen.**

**Voluntary** Allegro Moderato (Hornpipe) – G F Handel

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HALL FOR REFRESHMENTS**