MASS with the Rite of Anointing of the Sick



Memorial of St Scholastica Saturday 10 February 2024

Archbishop Mark Coleridge Fr Anthony Mellor Fr Jim Smith Fr Leo Burke Welcome to the Cathedral of St Stephen. Today's Mass includes the Rite of Anointing for the sick and infirmed. For those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Anointing, you will be invited to come forward to the sanctuary steps at the appropriate time.

If you unable to come forward to be anointed, please sit in the choir transept and a priest will attend to you during the anointing.

Entrance Hymn

CWBII #491

(R) Glory and praise to our God, who alone give light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

1. We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains, praise the wonders our God has done in ev'ry heart that sings.

 In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save.

3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day our God is waiting to save, always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Introduction and Greeting

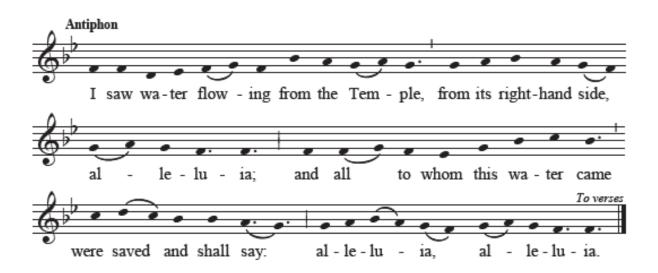
| Archbishop | In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. |
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| All | Amen. |
| Archbishop All | Peace be with you. And with your spirit. |

Reception of the Sick

Archbishop We have come together to celebrate the sacraments of anointing and eucharist. Christ is always present when we gather in his name; today we welcome him especially as physician and healer. We pray that the sick may be restored to health by the gift of his mercy and made whole in his fullness.

Sprinkling Rite

The Archbishop moves through the Cathedral blessing the faithful with holy water. All make the sign of the cross while singing the following Antiphon.



Collect

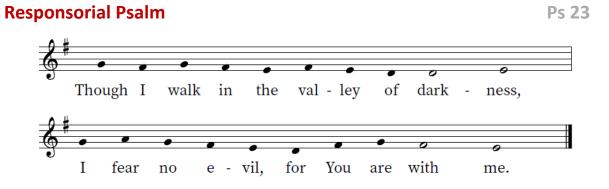
ArchbishopLet us pray.
Father, you raised your Son's cross
as the sign of victory and life.
May all who share in his suffering
find in these sacraments a source of fresh courage and
healing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God, for ever and ever.AllAmen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16: 5:7-9

Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence.



Gospel Acclamation

Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. Alleluia.

Gospel

Homily

The Archbishop

Matthew 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad.

LITURGY OF ANOINTING

Those able to come forward for anointing are now invited to make their way to steps of the Sanctuary.

| Litany Archbishop | Let us pray to God for our brothers and sisters and for all those who devote themselves to caring for them. |
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| All | Bless those gathered here and fill them with new hope and strength. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. |
| Archbishop All | Relieve their pain: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. |

| Archbishop All | Free them from sin and do not let them give way to temptation: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. |
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| Archbishop | Sustain all the sick with your power: |
| | Lord, have mercy. |
| All | Lord, have mercy. |
| Archbishop | Assist all who care for the sick: |
| , i | Lord, have mercy. |
| All | Lord, have mercy. |
| Archbishop | Give life and health to our brothers and sisters on whom we lay our hands in your name: Lord, have mercy. |
| All | Lord, have mercy. |
| Archbishop | Give life and health to our brothers and sisters on whom we lay our hands in your name: Lord, have mercy. |

Thanksgiving over the Oil of the Sick

| Archbishop | Praise to you, God, the almighty Father. You sent your Son to live among us and bring us salvation. |
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| All | Blessed be God who heals us in Christ. |
| Archbishop | Praise to you, God, the only-begotten Son. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity and you heal our infirmities. |
| All | Blessed be God who heals us in Christ. |
| Archbishop | Your unfailing power gives us strength in our bodily weakness. |
| All | Blessed be God who heals us in Christ. |
| Archbishop | God of mercy, ease the sufferings and comfort the weakness of your servants whom the Church anoints with this holy oil. Through Christ our Lord. |
| All | Amen. |

Laying on of Hands

Those who wish to receive the sacrament of anointing are invited to process forward, in silence, as the priest lays hands on each sick person. The priest then anoints each person with the oleum infirmorum (Oil of the Sick).

First he anoints the forehead, saying:

| Priest | Through this holy anointing |
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| | may the Lord in his love and mercy help you |
| | with the grace of the Holy Spirit. |
| Response | Amen. |

Then he anoints the hands, saying:

| Response | Amen. |
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| | save you and raise you up. |
| Priest | May the Lord who frees you from sin |

While the anointing takes place, please join in the singing of the following hymns.

Trust in God, Hope in God

CWBII #128

Trust in God, hope in God, Spirit o'er the earth, trust in God, hope in God, the Lord who gives us birth. You give joy to our youth, leaving by your truth comfort now those in need, friends for whom we plead, heal us Lord, save us Lord, from our suff'ring free; heal us Lord, save us Lord, that we your light may see.

Trust in God, hope in God, make us rise and stand; trust in God, hope in God, our spirits in your hand. Heal our sickness, cure disease, Lord, we ask you, please, though our strength, almost gone, faith in you is strong, heal us Lord, save us Lord in mercy ever kind; heal us Lord, save us Lord, that we your peace may find.

Great God of mercy

CWBII #126

Great God of mercy, God of consolation, look on your people, gathered here to praise you: pity our weakness, come in pow'r to aid us, source of all blessing.

Jesus, Redeemer, Lord of all creation, come as our Saviour, Jesus, friend of sinners: grant us forgiveness, lift our downcast spirit, heal us and save us.

Joy-giving Spirit, be our light in darkness, come to befriend us, help us bear our burdens: give us true courage, breathe your peace around us, stay with us always.

God in three Persons, Trinity eternal, come to renew us, fill your Church with glory: grant us your healing, pledge of resurrection, foretaste of heaven.

O Christ, the healer, we have come

CWBII #127

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamour to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health, we recognise the world's disease; our common life declares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

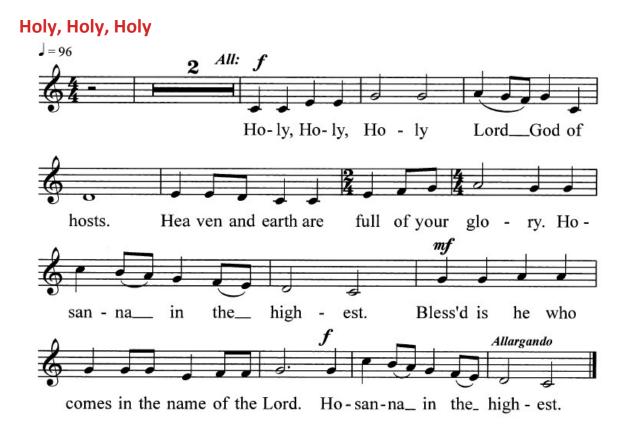
Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

Prayer after Anointing

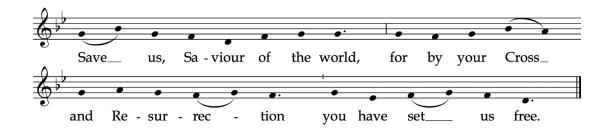
ArchbishopLet us pray.
Father in heaven,
through this holy anointing
grant our brothers and sisters comfort in their suffering.
When they are afraid, give them courage,
when afflicted, give them patience,
when dejected, afford them hope,
and when alone, assure them of the support
of your holy people.
Through Christ our Lord.AllAmen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

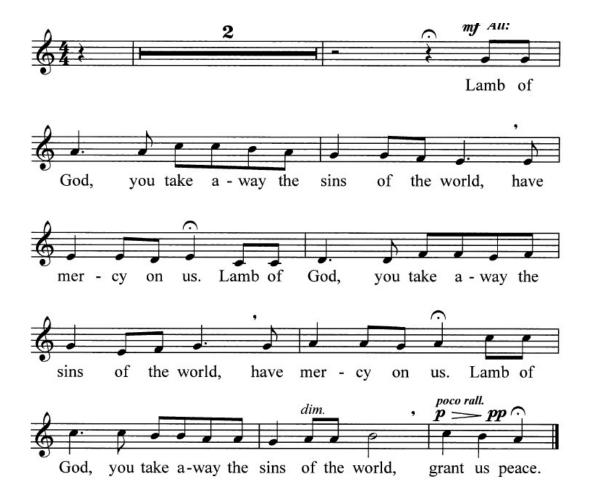
Preparation of the Gifts



Memorial Acclamation



Lamb of God



Communion Hymn

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here; come bow before him now with reverence and fear: in him no sin is found we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned; how awesome is the sight our radiant king of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace; no work too hard for him in faith receive from him. Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Prayer after Communion

Archbishop Let us pray.
Lord, through these sacraments you offer us the gift of healing.
May this grace bear fruit among us and make us strong in your service.
Through Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing

| Archbishop All | The Lord be with you. And with your spirit |
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| Archbishop | May the God of all consolation bless you in every way |
| All | and grant you hope all the days of your life. Amen. |
| Archbishop | May God restore you to health and grant you salvation. |
| All | Amen. |
| Archbishop | May God fill your heart with peace and lead you to eternal life. |
| All | Amen. |
| Archbishop | May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. |
| All | Amen. |
| Archbishop All | Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Thanks be to God |

Recessional Hymn

Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you: his pow'r and his mercy, his grace giv'n to you.

Refrain Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree, God willed you both virgin and mother to be.

To you, by an angel, the Father made known the grace of his Spirit, the gift of his Son.

Through you to your Son lead us, Mary, we pray; through Christ to the Father is our only way.

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