



# Feast of the Precious Blood

**Celebrating  
750 years of Burnham Abbey and 100 years of  
The Society of the Precious Blood  
at the Abbey**



**July 2016**

MASS  
for  
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

**Processional Hymn**

*During this hymn the President will enter. A floral tribute in memory of the sub Prioress who came from Goring and who became the first Abbess at Burnham Abbey will be laid at the Altar as well as a pilgrimage shell, in thanksgiving for the homecoming of today's pilgrims.*

Now thank we all our God,  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav'n adore,  
for this as was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

*Johann Cruger (1598 – 1662)*

**The President greets the people**

The Lord be with you  
*All And also with you*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*See booklet for the Kyrie Eleison at the bottom of page.*

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,

And your salvation according to your word:

Lord, have mercy.

*All: **Kyrie eleison***

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path:

Christ, have mercy.

*All: **Christe eleison***

O let your mercy come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight:

Lord have mercy.

*All: **Kyrie eleison***

## **Words of Absolution**

**Gloria** *See booklet*

## **Collect**

Almighty & eternal God, who by the Precious Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ opened for us a new and living way into your presence: defend us from all evil by the power of this Blood & cleanse us from all sin, that we may be free to serve & praise you joyfully, now & for ever, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive & reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now & for ever

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*At the beginning of each reading the reader says:*

A reading from the book of .....

*At the end of each reading the reader says*

For the gift of the word

*All **Thanks be to God***

Revelation 5. 6 – 14 read by a Companion of Burnham Abbey

## **Responsorial Verses based on 1 Corinthians 10. 16**

*Cantor:* We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread.

**Response** *We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread.*

**Verse:**

The cup of blessing which we bless,  
is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?  
The bread which we break  
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

**Response** *We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread.*

**Verse:**

As often as you eat this bread  
and drink the cup  
you proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

**Response** *We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread.*

1 John 1. 5-7 read by a member of the congregation from Goring

**Celtic Alleluia**

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**Gospel Reading read by Reverend Mother, Sister Victoria Mary.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All Glory to you, O Lord*

*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord

*All Praise to you, O Christ.*

John 6. 53 -58

**Homily**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*All*

*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 led by a Sister from the Abbey**

**The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn**

*During this hymn the Altar will be prepared.*

Brother,sister, let me serve you  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the night- time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

*Music and words by Richard Gillard  
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## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

**Sanctus** – *see booklet*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread*

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** – *see booklet*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*As our Saviour taught us, so we pray*

**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.**

*The president says the invitation to communion and suitable words of distribution are used.*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

*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.*

### **Recessional Hymn**

*During this hymn the floral tribute will be taken, by a member of the Goring community & a Sister from the Abbey, to be laid in the Abbey chapel, near the burial place of the first Abbess of Burnham Abbey.*

All my hope on God is founded,  
he doth still my trust renew,  
me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true,  
God unknown, he along  
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tow'r.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store,  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son,  
Christ doth call one and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

*Text: Robert Bridges (1844 -1930) based on the  
German of Joachim Neander (1650 -1680)*

**Poem for the end of a pilgrimage read by a Companion of  
Burnham Abbey**

In gratitude, deep gratitude  
For this moment  
this experience  
these people,  
we give ourselves to you.

Lead us out  
to live as changed people  
because we have shared the Living Bread  
and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us,  
expect much of us,  
enable much by us,  
encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory,  
both as citizens of earth  
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven  
where our pilgrimage will be complete,      *Anon. Collected by Ryan Moore*

### **Blessing**

You believe that by his dying,  
Christ destroyed death for ever.      *All: Amen*

You have been crucified with Christ  
and live by faith in the Son of God,  
who loved you and gave himself for you.      *All: Amen*

May he send you out to glory in his cross,  
and live no longer for yourselves but for him,  
who died and was raised to life for us.      *All: Amen*

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.      *All: Amen*

### **The Dismissal**

*All: Let us make our way together, Lord; wherever you go I must go: and  
through whatever you pass, there too I will pass.*

*Teresa of Avila. 1515-1582*