

# St Assicus or Tassach

*Bishop, Elphin Diocese, 470  
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## The Gathering of God's People

### THE GREETING

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

### SENTENCE

My soul's desire is to see the face of God, and to rest in his house.  
*St Columba*

### INTRODUCTION

Tassach was a close friend of Patrick and, as bishop of Raholp, near Saul, attended Patrick on his deathbed. Tradition ascribes to him the skills of a brass-worker and coppersmith.

### OPENING PRAYER

Father, your love for us  
surpasses all our hopes and desires.  
Forgive our failings,  
keep us in your peace  
and lead us in the way of salvation. **Amen.**

### PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,  
you call by name those who are yours:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**



Lord Jesus,  
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
you are the door of the sheepfold;  
those who enter by you will be saved:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

*Isaiah 49: 8-10*

Thus says the Lord: In a time of favour I have answered you, in a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, "Come forth", to those who are in darkness, "Appear". They shall feed along the ways, on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching winds nor sun shall smite them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.

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

**THE PSALM**  
*Psalm 25:3-9*

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you have I hoped all the day long.  
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting. *℟*

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.  
Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. *℟*

He will guide the humble in doing right  
and teach his way to the lowly.  
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. *℟*

**THE SECOND READING**  
*2 Cor 1:3-7*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for

your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Make disciples of the nations:

baptising and teaching them, as I have commanded you. Alleluia!

#### THE GOSPEL READING

*John 21: 15-17*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,  
according to St. John, chapter 21, beginning at verse 15.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, Simon, son of John do you love me? He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **The Prayers of the People**

We pray for all who care for the dying, and for the hospice movement. We give thanks for all with artistic skills and for those who work with metal for the glory of God.

God our Father,  
your servant Tassach brought the sacrament of Holy Communion to St Patrick as he was dying:  
Support us all through this troublous life  
and at the last give us safe lodging and rest in you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,  
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### **Celebrating at the Lord's Table**

#### THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Shepherd of Israel, your flock is never without care.  
Accept our sacrifice of praise  
and grant that your Church may always rejoice  
in faithful pastors, servants of Christ  
and stewards of your mysteries.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*The priest takes the bread and cup*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer 2 with Extended Preface*

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.**

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we honour Tassach,  
who in your loving providence  
enabled your Church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.  
To your children he faithfully proclaimed  
the good news of salvation  
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.  
Through a pastor's love  
he led your people to share your grace  
and witness to the world  
in the communion of one true faith  
and in the work of selfless charity.

On this his feast, we join with him to praise you  
and in the company of angels and all the host of heaven  
we sing for ever of your glory:

**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.**

Merciful Father, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and this wine,  
and we pray that we who eat and drink them  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
in obedience to our Saviour Christ  
in remembrance of his death and passion  
may be partakers of his body and his blood,

who on the night he was betrayed took bread;  
and when he had given 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.

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his Disciples, saying,  
Drink from 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.

Father, with this bread and this cup,  
we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;  
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
and we look for his coming  
to fulfil all things according to your will.

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of never-ending praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has 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.

*or*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;  
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;  
**The cup which we bless is the blood**  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia  
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;  
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;  
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

*Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stowe (9th c)*

**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.

*or*

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,  
who has taken 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.**

**THE COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

**THE GREAT SILENCE**

**Going out as God's People**

**PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

God, shepherd of your people,  
whose servant Tassach revealed the loving service of Christ  
in his ministry as a pastor of your people;  
by this eucharist in which we share  
awaken within us the love of Christ  
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling:  
through him who laid down his life for us,  
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us**

with the spiritual food  
of 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.

DISMISSAL  
*The Blessing*

Christ the good Shepherd,  
who laid down his life for the sheep,  
draw you and all who hear his voice,  
to be one flock within one fold;  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

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