

# St Malachy

*Bishop, Armagh and Down dioceses, 1148  
3rd November*

## The Gathering of God's People

### THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### SENTENCE

Help us, Unity in Trinity, Trinity in Unity, take pity

*Laidcenn, Irish, seventh century*

### INTRODUCTION

To Malachy is due the restoration, re-organization and re-unification of the church in Ireland after the ravages of the Norsemen. In his time the dioceses of Ireland were first organised as we know them. Under his leadership the arrival of the Anglo-Normans was less of a Disaster than it might have been. He co-operated with John de Courcy in the assimilation of the Norman influence in Ulster, including the re-formation of the Abbey of Down under the Benedictine order. He also undertook the rebuilding of the cathedral of Armagh and gained the recognition of Armagh as the Primatial See.

### OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,  
and to God the Holy Spirit  
whose infinite greatness enfolds the whole world,  
in persons three and one, in essence simple and triune,  
suspending the earth above the waters,  
hanging the upper air with stars,  
that he may be favourable to sinners  
who righteously justifies all who err, who ever-living lives.  
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

*Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.*

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

*Ezekiel 34: 11-116*

For thus says the Lord God: behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock with some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and we bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself

would be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

*Psalm 1*

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. *℟*

Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and night.  
Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,  
whatever they do, it shall prosper. *℟*

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.  
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgment,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.  
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish. *℟*

THE SECOND READING

*1 Peter 5: 1-4*

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd:

I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,  
according to St. John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 11

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

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the father knows me and I know the father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Prayers of the People**

We pray for all the dioceses of the church, and all who maintain the organisation of the church in them. We pray for the Archbishop of Armagh, with his leadership responsibilities as Primate of all Ireland. We pray for the continuing witness of the cathedrals of Armagh and Down.

God, you called Malachy to be a re-builder  
and restorer of the Irish church:

Look upon your church in this land today,  
correct what is amiss and supply what is lacking;  
that we may more and more bring forth fruit to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE**

We are fellow-citizens with the saints  
and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord,  
who came and preached peace to those who were far off  
and those who were near.

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

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **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 3*

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.**

Father, Lord of all creation,  
we praise you for your goodness and your love.  
When we turned away you did not reject us.  
You came to meet us in your Son,  
welcomed us as your children  
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
He opened wide his arms upon the cross  
and, with love stronger than death,  
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ our redeemer,  
on the night before you died you came to table with your friends.  
Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it  
and gave it to them saying,  
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper  
you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,  
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 in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
you are the true vine.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life,  
come upon us now;  
may this bread and wine be to us  
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us, who know our need of grace,  
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:  
with your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise  
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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!**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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.

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### 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

May this sharing, Lord,  
in your Son's body and blood  
be the washing away of our sins,  
the strength of the weak,  
and our protection against the dangers of the world.  
May it set us free from evil  
and grant us our share in the joy of your kingdom. **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*

God who in days of old gave to this land  
the benediction of his holy Church,  
fill you with his grace  
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints  
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:  
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.**