

**St Bartholomew's Norbury
Parish Mission
Monday 8th April – Friday 12th April 2019**



Thursday 11th April 2019

Eucharist

Welcome to our mission service. It is good to see you all here.

Our opening hymn is “Love Divine, all loves excelling” (Number 801 in our hymnbook).

Please be seated.

Every Sunday we celebrate the Eucharist, the mass. It is the central act of all that we do as Christians. It is the highpoint of all the churches activity and the source from which all grace comes. Every time we celebrate this mystery we reflect on the wonder of Jesus gift to us in the Eucharist where he gives himself to us as our food and drink. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we remember what Jesus has done and we share in his body and blood. We give the Father perfect honour and glory through his son Jesus our priest and victim.

When we come to mass we come not as spectators but we come to be involved and share in what is taking place. We all, in our own way, through our baptism, share in the priesthood of Christ. St Peter reminds us “We are a royal race, a chosen priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God.” This evening we are going to reflect on how we share in this great mystery.

Let us join in our mission prayer:

Mission Prayer

Father, pour out your Spirit upon us. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word, and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us now listen to the word of God.

(John 6:28-35,51a-54)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Then the people said to him, 'What must we do if we are to carry out God's work?'

Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is carrying out God's work: you must believe in the one he has sent.'

So they said, 'What sign will you yourself do, the sight of which will make us believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers ate manna in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered them:

'In all truth I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is the bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

'Sir,' they said, 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered them: 'I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever hunger; no one who believes in me will ever thirst. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing among themselves, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

Jesus replied to them: 'In all truth I tell you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise that person up on the last day.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please take this home with you.