

The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

St Elizabeth of Hungary

Princess of Thuringia, Religious and Philanthropist



Mass

live streamed from the Vicarage
during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Wednesday 18th November 2020

7.30 pm

Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

All † In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways, O Lord.

The Greeting

All The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The service is introduced

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to Confession

God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before him in love.
Let us confess our sins and failings
and ask him who is rich in mercy for forgiveness and peace.

Silence is kept

Confession

**My God, for love of you
I desire to hate and forsake all sins
by which I have ever displeased you;
and I resolve by the help of your grace
to commit them no more;
and to avoid all opportunities of sin.
Help me to do this,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Kyries

You give your kingdom to the poor in spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You give the earth for an inheritance to those who are meek:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You show yourself to those who are pure in heart:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May God our Father forgive † you your sins
and bring you to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

All Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Lord God,
who taught Elizabeth of Hungary
to recognize and reverence Christ in the poor of this world:
by her example
strengthen us to love and serve the afflicted and the needy
and so to honour your Son, the servant king,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Tobit 12:6b-9

A reading from the Book of Tobit.

Bless God and acknowledge him in the presence of all the living for the good things he has done for you. Bless and sing praise to his name. With fitting honour declare to all people the deeds of God.

Do not be slow to acknowledge him. It is good to conceal the secret of a king, but to acknowledge and reveal the works of God, and with fitting honour to acknowledge him. Do good, and evil will not overtake you. Prayer with fasting is good, but better than both is almsgiving with righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than wealth with wrongdoing. It is better to give alms than to lay up gold. For almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin. Those who give alms will enjoy a full life,

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 82

God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:
'How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked?

All **Arise, O God and judge the earth,
take all nations for your possession.**

'You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
defend the right of the humble and needy;
'Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

All **Arise, O God and judge the earth,
take all nations for your possession.**

'They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

All **Arise, O God and judge the earth,
take all nations for your possession.**

'Therefore I say that though you are gods
and all of you children of the Most High,
'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes.'

All **Arise, O God and judge the earth,
take all nations for your possession.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-40

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the very
image of God.

All **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

‘Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

‘Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” ’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Prayers of the Faithful

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

The response to each prayer

Lord, hear us

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end

Almighty God,
by your Holy Spirit you have made us one
with your saints in heaven and on earth:
grant that in our earthly pilgrimage
we may ever be supported by this fellowship
of love and prayer,
and know ourselves surrounded by their witness
to your power and mercy.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sign of Peace

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.'

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

As you are able, let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The altar is prepared

Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the gifts we bring to your table
on this feast of Saint Elizabeth.
Free us from the things that keep us from you
and teach us to seek you as our only good.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

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

This day we honour you in Saint Elizabeth of Hungary,
who consecrated her life to Christ
for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.

In her you show us your saving love
as you call the human race back to its first holiness,
and invite us to taste on earth the gifts of the world to come.

In communion with angels and archangels,
and all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for every praising you and saying:

All **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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave 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.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world,
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,
Elizabeth and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung

The Lord's Prayer

We join our prayers with those of all God's saints
in the words Jesus taught us:

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord,
'whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

All **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him.**

Agnus Dei

All **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

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, alleluia!

All **Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

Giving of Communion

Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life.

Spiritual Communion – *for those at home*

It is an ancient practice of the Church that, when you are prevented from attending the Holy Eucharist, people are invited to express, in the words of St Thomas Aquinas, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Therefore, during this time you are invited to pray this prayer, which may be said as often as you desire:

Act of Reception

All **In union, blessed Jesus,
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,**

(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)

**I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,
for creation and all the blessings of this life,
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,
and resurrection,
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.**

(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,
my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

Faithful God,
who called Elizabeth of Hungary to serve you
and gave her joy in walking the path of holiness:
by this eucharist
in which you renew within us the vision of your glory,
strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection
until we come to see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Sending Out

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and hope and steadfastness;

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Mass is ended; go in peace.

All **Thanks be to God.**