

Introit.

Welcome and Introduction.

Hymn:

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
*Alleluia, alleluia!***

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might,
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear their one true light
'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light...**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them, the victor's crown of gold...**

**And when the strife is fierce the warfare long,
Steals on our ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong...**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost...**

Confession, absolution and collect.

I will arise and go to my father, and say to him,
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.
I am no longer worthy to be called your Son.'
Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

**All Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbours,
In thought, word and deed.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
We are sorry and truly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.**

The Absolution.

Collect for the Sunday before Lent.

Old Testament Reading:

2 Kings 2.1-12.

Read in Welsh by John.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

New Testament Reading:

2 Corinthians 4.3-6.

Song: **The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.**

*And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.*

**He guides my ways in righteousness, and He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights...**

**And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.**

The Address.

Hymn: **Pererin wyf mewn anial dir, yn crwydro yma a thraw,
Ac yn rhyw ddisgwyl bob yr awr fod tŷ fy Nhad ger llaw.**

**Tyrd, Ysbryd Sanctaidd, ledia'r ffordd,
Bydd imi'n niwl a thân;
Ni cherdda' i'n gywir hanner cam, oni byddi o fy mlaen.**

**Mi wŷraf weithiau ar y dde ac ar yr aswy law;
Am hynny arwain, gam a cham, fi i'r baradwys draw.**

**Mae hiraeth arnaf am y wlad lle mae torfeydd di-ri'
Yn canu'r anthem ddyddiau'u hoes am angau Calfari.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgives 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.**

**Ein Tad yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd, sancteiddier dy enw,
deled dy dernas, gwneled dy ewyllys, megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd.
Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol a maddau i ni ein dyledion,
fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.
Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth; eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.
Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas, a'r gallu a'r gogoniant, yn oes oesoedd. **Amen.****

Hymn:

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy grace receive.
Suddenly return, and never, never more they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Conclusion and Blessing.

On the bright side

The Hippopotamus Song.

Flanders and Swann.