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#### PENITENTIAL RITE:

SING I'm Sorry for the Wrongs I've Done, said, thought.

PRIEST May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL Amen
Sing 4th verse - Thank you or forgiving me.

SING GLORIA

#### OPENING PRAYER:

O God, the Father of every gift,

we confess that all we have and all we are comes down from you; teach us to recognise the effects of your boundless care and to love you with a sincere heart and with all our strength.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All: Amen



#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING:

A reading from Isiah 65:17-19

See, | will create

new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered,

nor will they come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,

for | will create Jerusalem to be a delight

and its people a joy.

will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people;

the sound of weeping and of crying

will be heard in it no more



This is the word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM;

SING O God You Search me and You Know Me Sung by St. Francis Staff. Second Reading:

A Reading from Corinthians 13:4-10

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

#### GOSPELACCLAMATION

SING

Halle, halle, halle



GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John 15;12-17

This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what | command you. | shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; | call you friends because | have made known to you everything | have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no | chose you; and | commissioned you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask of him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.

PRIEST This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL Thanks be to God

#### HOMILY

#### **BIDDING PRAYERS**

PRIEST Jesus told us that if we ask, we will receive. So, we turn confidently to God, our Father, from whom all good things come.

CHILD We pray for Pope Francis and all Christian leaders - May they work for peace in our world and help the church to grow.

PRIEST Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

CHILD We pray for Mrs Shipstone and Miss Robinson and wish them luck as they leave St. Francis School. May they find happiness in the stages of their lives.

PRIEST Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

CHILD We pray for our school at the end of the school year - and ask God to keep us all safe over the summer break.

PRIEST Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

CHILD We pray for our friends - We give thanks for their love and support.

PRIEST Lord in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

CHILD We pray for our families - May our homes be places of love, understanding and forgiveness

PRIEST Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

CHILD We pray for all those in our community who are poorly or in hospital that God may give them strength and hope in their time of need.

PRIEST Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

CHILD We pray for all those people in the world who are suffering from starvation. May they not give up hope.

PRIEST Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

CHILD We Pray for Mrs Green and Mr Shipstone. May they be granted eternal rest. We also pray for their families in their time of mourning.

PRIEST Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer.

CHILD We ask Mary, the mother of Jesus and the mother of all Christians to pray with us and for us as we say

Hail Mary full of grace ..."

Priest:

God our almighty Father, we give thanks to day for the work of Mrs Denise Shipstone in our School and throughout the field of Education, We ask you to hear our prayers and to grant them for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

SING

I the Lord of sea and sky

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS



PRIEST: For the gifts you have bestowed, O Lord,
we offer you the sacrifice of praise, humbly begging that what
you have conferred upon us in our unworthiness me may give
back, to the glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL AMEN

## Eucharistic Prayer III

PRIEST The Lord be with you

ALL And also with you

PRIEST Lift up your hearts

ALL We lift them up to the Lord.

PRIEST Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PRIEST We thank you, God our Father
you made us to live for you and for each other.
We can see and speak to one another,
and become friends
and share our joys and sorrows.
And so, Father, we gladly thank you
with everyone who believes in you;
with the saints and the angels,
we rejoice and praise you saying.

#### Sing: Sanctus

Yes, Lord, you are holy;
you are kind to us and to all peoples,
For this we thank you and above all we thank you for your Son,
Jesus Christ.
You sent him into this world
because people had turned away from you
and no longer loved each other.
he opened our eyes and our hearts

to understand that we are brothers and sisters and that you are Father of us all. he now brings us together to one table and asks us to do what he did.

Father, we ask you to bless these gifts of bread and wine and make them holy. change them for us into the body + and blood of Jesus Christ your Son. On the night before he died for us, he had supper for the last time with his disciples. he took bread and gave you thanks he broke the bread and gave it to his friends saying.

TAKETHIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT. THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In the same way he took a cup of wine. he gave you thanks and handed the cup to his disciples saying.

TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND DRINK FROM IT
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE
BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING
COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU
AND FOR ALL SO THAT SINS MAY BE
FORGIVEN. THEN HE SAID TO THEM. DO
THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

God our Father, we remember with joy all that Jesus did to save us.
In this holy sacrifice, which he gave as a gift to his Church, we remember his death and resurrection.

Father in heaven, accept us together with your Beloved Son, he willingly died for us but you raised him to life again.

Jesus now lives with you in glory, but he is also here on earth among us...we thank you and say.... One day he will come in glory and in his kingdom there will be no more suffering, no more tears and no more sadness.

Father in heaven, you have called us to receive the Body and Blood of Christ at this table, and to be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit. Through this sacred meal give us strength to please you more and more.

Lord, our God remember ...Our Pope, ..our Bishop and all the other Bishops. Help all who follow Jesus to work for peace and to bring happiness to others. Bring us all together at last with Mary, the Mother of God, and all the Saints to live with you and to be one with Christ in Heaven.

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours Almighty Father. Forever and ever.

SING: Amen

# COMMUNIONRITE

# COMMUNION HYMNS:

Father in my life | see,
The prayer,
As the deer pants
INFANT HYMNS:

Summer is here,
Sing a song of sunshine,
Have you got the sunshine smile



# Prayer After Communion:

## PRIEST:

O God, who have given to us as spiritual food the saving Sacrament of your Son, which we have offered you in thanksgiving, grant that, being strengthened by gifts of courage and joy, we may serve you more devotedly and be worthy of still further blessings. Through Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen

# Concluding Rites



#### Reflections

### Mrs Shipstone

Mrs Shipstone – thank you for making us the people we are today; helping us to make choices that aren't easy or obvious. You have listened to us when you are busy, smiled at us when we are sad and comforted us when we have needed comfort. You have taught us to search for solutions when we are stuck. You have helped us to solve difficulties with friendships and made us stronger people. You have understood when we have done wrong. Remember earlier this year you helped Year Six to cheer up Joseph when he was feeling glum? It worked. So remember Mrs Shipstone if you are ever feeling 'glum' say to your self – 'How ya doodly doing?'

We will take the important messages that you have given us in assembly into our life; they will guide us into being better people.

May the next step in your journey be a success as you have been in leading this school in the right direction. May your heart stay kind and be filled with warmth.

#### Miss Robinson

Thank you for being a kind, generous and cheerful teacher. You have given lots of children special memories to treasure forever. Here are a few that we remember.

| remember when | was in the Roman play and | was Emperor Augustus, and you laughed every time | had to fall to the floor.

I remember watching your sky diving video; it was 'epic'. I want to sky dive too one day – Thank you Miss Robinson.

remember that you used to read to us at the end of every day and labsolutely loved it - thank you;

You invited Year Six to your class room to read your classes Jack and the Beanstalk stories, it was good to share from your big book.

Thank you for making netball such fun; I remember playing in the tournament.

Thank you for sharing your street dance moves so gracefully afterschool,

and do you remember the day when you showed your talent for beat-boxing

- you certainly were 'born to be clever, to be clever to be born'

But most of all we all remember you playing tricks and jokes and always smiling. Good Luck in your future.

Blessing

PRIEST Almighty and Eternal God, look kindly on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make us one in the fellowship of love. We ask this

through Christ our Lord

ALL Amen

**CLOSING HYMN** 

On this school your blessing Lord

You Raise me up

Believe