

"You are God's work of art"

Year 6 Leavers' Mass



Wednesday 22nd July 2020
10:00AM

Welcome!

Welcome to your Year 6 Leavers' Mass, brought to you via YouTube from the Chapel at Walsingham House, home of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

Even though we cannot gather together as a class or a community, you are very welcome as you join us and hundreds of Year 6 pupils across the Diocese of Brentwood, as we celebrate and give thanks for all that is good about you and your community.

Do join in with the songs, the prayers and the sign language!

Opening Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord, composed by David Evans

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister his grace
No work too hard for him
In faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

At the beginning of Mass, a pre-recorded message from Bishop Alan, to all our Year 6 pupils, will be played.

Gloria, composed by Mike Anderson

*Gloria! (clap clap) Gloria! (clap clap) In excelsis Deo.
Gloria! (clap clap) Gloria! (clap clap) In excelsis Deo.*

Lord God heavenly King, peace you bring to us!
We worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise!

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins, oh Lord, have mercy on us all!

At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One and you alone are Lord!

First Reading, from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 2:10)

We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Psalm, composed by Christopher Walker

Because the Lord is my shepherd,
I have everything I need.
He lets me rest in the meadow
And leads me to be quiet streams.
He restores my soul
And he leads me in the paths that are right

*Lord,
You are my shepherd,
You are my friend.
I want to follow always,
Just to follow my friend.*

And when the road leads to darkness,
I shall walk there unafraid.
Even when death is close I have courage,
For your help is there.
You are close beside me with concert,
You are guiding my way

We stand together to greet the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation
Alle, alle, alle-luia! (x3)
Alleluia! Alle-luia!

In love you make me a banquet
For my enemies to see.
You make me welcome,
Pouring down honour from your Mighty
hand;
And this Joy fills me with gladness,
It is too much to bear

Your goodness always is with
And your mercy I know.
Your loving kindness strengthens me
Always as I go through life.
I shall dwell in your presence forever,
Giving praises to your name

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 13:18-23)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Listen to what the parable of the sower means. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in their heart: this is the person who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the person who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But they have no root in them, they do not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and they fall away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the person who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so they produce nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the person who hears the word and understands it; they are the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Prayers of Intercession

We join the prayers of our hearts and our communities with the hearts and communities of Year 6 pupils across the Diocese. The prayers we hear have been pre-recorded by Year 6 pupils from some of our schools.

Pupil from St Teresa's, Lexden

We pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests and Deacons. We thank you for the leadership of Pope Francis for people across the whole world. We pray especially for priests who are ill, and for priests who have kept on praying for us, even when we could not go to church. Lord, in your mercy

Pupil from St Joseph the Worker, Hutton

We pray for every Year 6 pupil in the Diocese of Brentwood; thank you Lord for all of the good memories from our primary schools, and for showing each one of us that we are your work of art. Lord, in your mercy

Pupil from St Teresa's, Basildon

We pray for our amazing teachers, who have worked so hard in the last few months, and for our whole time at school. We thank you Lord for the example that they have given us, and we ask you to bless them with wonderful summer holidays. Lord, in your mercy

Pupil from St Alban's, Elm Park

We pray for our parents and grandparents, for our carers and for everyone who helps to look after us at home. We ask you to bless them Lord, especially when things are not easy for them, and we ask you to help us to be helpful at home. Lord, in your mercy

Pupil from St Peter's, Romford

We pray for nurses and doctors in the NHS and in care homes, and for all the key workers who have worked so hard during the pandemic. We thank you for all the people who risk their lives to keep us all safe and well. Lord, in your mercy

Pupil from Holy Cross, Harlow

We pray for our friends. We thank you, Lord, for giving us good friends, and we ask you to bless them as they move to new schools. We pray especially for friends who are moving to different secondary schools, and we ask you to help them find wonderful friends in their new schools. Lord, in your mercy

Pupil from St Patrick's, Collier Row

We pray for the teachers in our new schools. We ask you to help them to welcome us with kindness and patience, and we thank you for all the new skills and knowledge that they will help us to learn. Lord, in your mercy

Pupil from St Joseph's, Dovercourt

We pray for children across the world, and we pray especially for children who are treated differently because of the colour of their skin. We ask you, Lord, to help us to always welcome everyone with the same love that you show to each one of us. Lord, in your mercy

Pupil from St Mary's, Tilbury

We ask Mary to join her prayers with ours, as we pray together:

Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with you
Blessed are you amongst women
And blessed is the fruit of
your womb, Jesus
Holy Mary Mother of God
Pray for us sinners
Now and at the hour of our death
Amen.

Offertory Hymn: Amazing Grace, composed by John Newton

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

Communion Hymn: Servant King, composed by Graham Kendrick

From heav'n You came, helpless Babe
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not my will but Yours,' He said

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

Post-Communion, 'May the road rise to meet you', sung by the Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School Virtual Chamber Choir

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be ever at you back
May the sunshine warm upon your face
And the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again

May God hold you, may God hold you
Ever in the palm of his hand

Final Hymn, 10,000 Reasons, composed by Matt Redman, sung by St Helens Junior School Choir


*Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name*

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

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