

**Mass  
of  
Thanksgiving  
for the  
Ordination  
to the  
Priesthood  
of  
Fr William  
Lowry**

**Saturday, July 23, 2022  
St James Church,  
Sebastopol  
at 9.00am**





# Acknowledgements

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## Principal Celebrant

Rev William Lowry

## Concelebrants

Rev Michael Smith SJ, Rev Jackson Saunders  
Rev Dennis Crameri, Rev Eugene McKinnon

## Master of Ceremonies

Rev John Corrigan

## Deacons

Rev Mr Vinh Do, Rev Mr An Le

## Altar Servers

Thien An Tran, Cay Xuan Trinh,  
Thomas Kehoe, Max Kehoe,  
Maximilian Brodie, Ezekiel Hangan

## Lectors

Sr Noreen Ryan rsm  
Anthony Wright  
Christopher Liston

## Homilist

Rev Michael Smith SJ

## Prayers of the Faithful

Christopher Liston

## Offertory

Grant & Tracey Lowry

## Choir

Seminary Choir from Corpus Christi College

## Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

1. Praise my soul the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!
2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!
3. Father like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely as his mercy flows!
4. Angels, help us to adore him,  
you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of Grace!

# Introductory Rites

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## Greeting

Fr Bill: In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Fr Bill: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Fr Bill: Brothers and sisters,  
let us acknowledge our sins  
and so prepare ourselves to  
celebrate these sacred mysteries.

## Penitential Act

**All:** I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done,  
and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Fr Bill: May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

## Kyrie - Sung

Choir: Kyrie, eleison      All: Kyrie, eleison

Choir: Christe, eleison      All: Christe, eleison

Choir: Kyrie, eleison      All: Kyrie, eleison

## Gloria - Sung

All: Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to  
people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the  
right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## Collect

Fr Bill: Let us pray.  
O God, who for your glory  
and the salvation of the human race  
willed to establish Christ  
as the eternal High Priest,  
grant that the people he has gained  
for you by his Blood may,  
through their participation in his memorial,  
experience the power of his  
Cross and Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever and ever.

All: Amen.



*Please be seated*

# Liturgy of the Word

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**First Reading**    *Hebrews 10:12-23*    *Sr Noreen Ryan rsm*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Jesus Christ has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. The Holy Spirit assures us of this; for he says, first: and the Lord then goes on to say:

I will put my laws into their hearts  
and write them on their minds.

I will never call their sins to mind,  
or their offences.

When all sins have been forgiven,  
there can be no more sin offerings.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:            Thanks be to God.**



## Responsorial Psalm - Sung

*Anthony Wright*

*Psalm 39:6. 9-11. R. vv. 8.9*

Anthony: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

All: **Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation - Sung

All: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight.  
My Spirit rests upon him;  
he shall bring forth justice to the nations.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Luke 22:14-20*

*Deacon Vinh Do*

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to Luke

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

Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, 'I have longed to eat this passover with you before I suffer; because I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.'

Then, taking a cup, he gave thanks and said, 'Take this and share it among you, because from now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the kingdom of God comes.'

Then he took some bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body which will be given for you; do this as a memorial of me.' He did the same with the cup after supper and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you.'

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*Please be seated*

**Homily**

*Rev Michael Smith SJ*

*Please stand*

**Prayers of the Faithful**

*Christopher Liston*

Fr Bill: Brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal high priest who offered himself as a willing sacrifice for the life of the world. Let us pray to him that he may raise up worthy priests and ministers in the service of his Church.

Christopher: We pray for Pope Francis. That he may be an ever more faithful witness to the joy of the Gospel, guiding and shepherding the members of God's Church. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Christopher: We pray for our civil leaders. That they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit to serve the common good and promote the dignity of every human life. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Christopher: We pray for Fr Bill. That he may grow in the likeness of the good shepherd in his priestly ministry. Inspiring in others an ever more zealous love of Christ and his Church. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Christopher: We pray for the parishes of St James Sebastopol, St Aloysius Redan and St Peter's Linton. That these communities may continue in their faithful witness to Christ, inspiring parishioners and others in the love of God and their neighbour. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Christopher: We pray for all the deceased members of our families; especially Peter Lowry and Isabel Sciberras. That they and all the faithful departed may rest in the peace of Christ. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fr Bill: Almighty God, be favourable to these prayers we offer. Be pleased to accept them in union with the perfect prayer of your beloved son, the eternal high priest, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

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*Please be seated*

## Presentation & Preparation of the Gifts

*Grant & Tracey Lowry*

## Offertory Chant - Ubi Caritas

*Please stand*

Fr Bill: Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours  
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 holy Church.**

## Prayer over the Offerings

Fr Bill: Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may participate worthily  
in these mysteries, for, whenever the  
memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated,  
the work of our redemption is accomplished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## Preface

Fr Bill: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Fr Bill: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Fr Bill: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right and just.**

Fr Bill: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For he is the true and eternal Priest, who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice, and was the first to himself as the saving Victim, commanding us to make this offering as his memorial.

As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us, we are made strong, and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us, we are washed clean.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

## Sanctus - Sung

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
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.

*Please kneel*

## Eucharistic Prayer I

Fr Bill: To you, therefore, most merciful Father,  
we make humble prayer and petition  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:  
that you accept and bless ✠ these gifts,  
these offerings, these holy and unblemished  
sacrifices, which we offer you firstly for your  
holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant  
her peace, to guard, unite and govern her  
throughout the whole world, together with  
your servant Francis our Pope and Paul our  
Bishop, and all those who, holding to the  
truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic  
faith.

Cl: Remember, Lord, your servants and all  
gathered here, whose faith and devotion  
are known to you. For them, we offer you  
this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for  
themselves and all who are dear to them:  
for the redemption of their souls, in hope  
of health and well-being, and paying their  
homage to you, the eternal God, living and  
true.

CII: In communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian and all your saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

Fr Bill: Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

CC: Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took this precious chalice in his holy and  
venerable hands, and once more giving  
you thanks, he said the blessing and gave  
the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND  
ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT  
FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

## Memorial Acclamation - Sung

Fr Bill: The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

CC: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the  
memorial of the blessed Passion, the  
Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious  
Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son,  
our Lord, we, your servants and your holy  
people, offer to your glorious majesty from  
the gifts that you have given us, this pure  
victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim,  
the holy Bread of eternal life and the  
Chalice of everlasting salvation.



Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

CIII: Remember also, Lord, your servants, Peter Lowry and Isabel Sciberas, who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.

CIV: To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia and all your Saints; admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord.

Fr Bill: Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow them upon us.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

## Communion Rite

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*Please stand*

### The Lord's Prayer

Fr Bill: At the Saviour's, command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

Fr Bill: Deliver us, Lord, we pray,  
from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin and  
safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our  
Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory  
are yours now and forever.**

## The Rite of Peace

Fr Bill: Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you,  
my peace I give you;  
look not on ours sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace  
and unity in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

Fr Bill: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your Spirit.**

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## Angus Dei - Sung

All: Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

*Please kneel*

Fr Bill: Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away  
the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called  
to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

*Those who have not received the Sacrament of Eucharist are most welcome to come forward for a blessing during the reception of Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest when you approach the priest ministering Communion.*

## Communion Hymns

Motet Anima Christi  
sung by Corpus Christi Choir

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n 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 ev'ry trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
never more thy 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.
3. 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 heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

# Concluding Rites

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## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand*

Fr Bill: We pray, O Lord,  
that through our partaking in this sacrifice,  
which your Son commanded  
to be offered in his memory,  
you may make us together with him  
an everlasting oblation to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Words of Thanks

## Presentation of the Maniurgium

## Marian Consecration

*Fr Bill will now proceed to the image of Our Lady to consecrate his priesthood to her maternal intercession. During this time, "Salve Regina" will be sung by the choir.*

*Please stand*

## Blessing & Dismissal

Fr Bill: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Fr Bill: May God bless you  
with every heavenly blessing,  
make you always  
holy and pure in his sight,  
pour out in abundance upon you  
the riches of his glory,  
and teach you with the words of truth;  
may he instruct you in the  
Gospel of salvation,  
and ever endow you with  
fraternal charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Fr Bill: And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠  
and the Holy ✠ Spirit.  
come down on you and  
remain with you for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# Recessional Hymn

## O God Beyond All Praising

1. O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end;  
we lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.
2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour  
may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty  
and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise.





***Fr Bill will be offering  
first blessings  
in the Church at the  
conclusion of Mass***

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