

## Offertory procession

- ◆ We bring a cross to remind us how much Jesus loves us.
- ◆ We bring some flowers to show Jesus how much we love him.
- ◆ We bring some of our work to show Jesus how we are growing.



# Mass of the Holy Cross

## Prayer after Holy Communion

Jesus, I believe in You.  
Jesus, I hope in you.  
Jesus, I love you with all my heart.  
Jesus, I look forward to the day when I can receive you in Holy Communion.

You are the same Jesus  
who loved children  
and let them come to you.

Help me  
to love you more  
and to be a good friend to others.



## Introduction

We are now getting near to Easter.  
In this Mass,

- ◆ we remember how Jesus died
- ◆ we remember how much Jesus loves us
- ◆ and we look forward to our first Holy Communion.

## First reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Even though Christ Jesus was truly God,  
He did not think he had to grab hold of being God  
He became just like us,  
and being just like us, he was even more humble,  
and he even accepted death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name which is above all other names.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

*Everyone joins in the response after the reader*

The Lord is my light and my help.

**The Lord is my light and my help.**

The Lord is my light and my help

Who shall make me afraid?

**The Lord is my light and my help.**

My life is safe with the Lord;  
who shall make me frightened?

**The Lord is my light and my help.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

**The Lord is my light and my help.**

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord

**The Lord is my light and my help.**



## Gospel

*We all stand up to greet the Gospel. Everyone says together:*

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**In the name of the Lord.**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Palace and collected the whole company round him, Then they took his clothes off and made him wear a scarlet cloak. Having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a stick in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the stick and hit him on the head with it, And when they had finished making fun of him they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.



This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**