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Warrington*



Feast of St Oswald, King & Martyr

St Oswald's – 12/13 August 2023
(Transferred from 5 August)

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

- Holy Oswald, king and martyr,
refugee and royal son,
born in Christ upon Iona,
later you your kingdom won.
There you raised the cross of Jesus,
in the vigour of your youth;
taught your people of its meaning,
faith and hope and love and truth.**
- From Iona you called Aidan,
gave him Lindisfarne for home.
As translator and defender,
with him did your kingdom roam,
sharing Christ with all who met you,
and baptising as you went,
knowing that you both as brothers
were by God on mission sent.**
- Holy Oswald, now in heaven,
wear you an eternal crown.
Through the Church, your sacred story
to our day has passed on down.
In this time of great confusion,
hope and joys, yet many fears:
pray for us as we salute you,
one in Christ across the years.**

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Greeting & Introduction

Gloria

Please join in singing the refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
who so kindled the faith of St Oswald with your Spirit
that he set up the sign of the Cross in his kingdom
and turned his people to the light of Christ:
grant that we, being fired by the same Spirit,
may always bear our cross before the world
and be found faithful servants of the Gospel.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading

(1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13)

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85

**Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.**

- I will hear what God proclaims;
the Lord – for he proclaims peace.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.
- Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Matthew 14: 22-33)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the

disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Silver Wedding – Renewal of Vows

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Motet: Jesu, dulcis memoria – T.L de Victoria (d. 1651)

Jesus, sweet remembrance,
granting the heart its true joys,
but above honey and all things
is His sweet presence.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. 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

Most merciful God,
pour out your blessing upon these offerings
and confirm us in the faith
that St Oswald professed by the shedding of his blood.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he
who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion

Music: Calm me, Lord – Margaret Rizza

Prayer after Communion

As we celebrate the heavenly banquet,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, in following such a great example of faith,
we may be encouraged by the remembrance
of the Martyr, St Oswald,
and led on by his gracious intercession.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Love divine (801)

The **Offertory Collection** takes place as you leave church – a basket will be available, or you can use the 'Tap & Go' facility. Many thanks for your support.

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