



St. Matthew's Parish - Irishtown

4th Sunday of Easter– 25 April 2021.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

Christ is risen

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia !

Hymn 366 - Praise my soul, the King of heaven.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law
and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as
Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a
new life. *Romans 6 v 4*

**Almighty God our heavenly Father,
We have sinned in thought and word and deed,
And in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us,
That we may walk in newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
Who forgives all who truly repent,
Have mercy on you,
Pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
And keep you in eternal life
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 693 – Glory in the Highest to the God of Heaven

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
Raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John
Chapter 10 beginning at verse 11 (11-18)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

At conclusion of prayers we say together:

Merciful Father,
accept these our prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table,
merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness
but in your manifold and great mercies.

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs
under your table.**

But you are the same Lord,

whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,

and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples

and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. *John 20.19- 20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Wise and gracious God

You spread a table before us

Nourish your people with the word of life

And the bread of heaven. **Amen**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us

Therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 page 209 – The Book of Common Prayer

Above all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
The true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us;
By dying he destroyed our death;
By rising he restored our life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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,
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going Out as God’s People

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again.
Keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that holy things have taken;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. Amen**

Hymn 20 -The King of Love my Shepherd is

DISMISSAL

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
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that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

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Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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