

**St. Matthew’s Church, Irishtown**

**The Third Sunday before Lent – 13th February 2022**

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Gathering of God’s People**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Hymn 494 - Beauty for brokenness – v 1&2*

Beauty for brokenness *God of the poor*  
Hope for despair *Friend of the weak*Lord, in your suffering *Give us compassion we pray*This is our prayer *Melt our cold hearts*Bread for the children *Let tears fall like rain*Justice, joy, peace *Come, change our love*Sunrise to sunset *From a spark to a flame*   
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives  
Cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsman  
Trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed  
Rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who can't speak

“The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all”. *Titus 2.11*

#### 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 lawand the prophets.

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

#### God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

#### The Confession

**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 we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us,**

**that we may walk in newness of live to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution

*Hymn 348- Father, we love you.*

Father, we love You *Glorify your Name*We worship and adore You *Glorify your Name*Glorify your Name in all the earth. *Glorify your Name in all the earth*

Jesus, we love You Spirit, we love You  
We worship and adore You We worship and adore You  
Glorify your Name in all the earth Glorify your Name in all the earth

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who alone can bring order   
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:   
Give your people grace   
so to love what you command   
and to desire what you promise;   
that, among the many changes of the world,   
our hearts may surely there be fixed   
where true joys are to be found;   
through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

## THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17: 5-10

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 1

## 1  Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, ♦︎    nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. 2  Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦︎    and they meditate on his law day and night. 3  Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, ♦︎    whatever they do, it shall prosper. 4  As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦︎    they are like chaff which the wind blows away. 5  Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, ♦︎    nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous. 6  For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦︎    but the way of the wicked shall perish.

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke Chapter 6 beginning at verse 17. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

**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**

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers we say together:

**Merciful Father,**

**accept these our prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel:

peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

#### Hymn 494 - Beauty for brokenness – v 3&4

Refuge from cruel wars *God of the poor*

Havens from fear *Friend of the weak*  
Cities for sanctuary *Give us compassion we pray*Freedoms to share *Melt our cold hearts*Peace to the killing-fields *Let tears fall like rain*  
Scorched earth to green *Come, change our love*Christ for the bitterness *From a spark to a flame*  
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth  
Oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned  
Our future, our dreams  
Lord, end our madness  
Carelessness, greed  
Make us content with  
The things that we need

**Celebrating at the Lord’s Table**

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us

**Therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

…. in Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross**

**and, with love stronger than death,**

**he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

…..Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you:

do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: You are the bread of life**.

**…**which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;

do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: You are the true vine**.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ:

**dying, you destroyed our death,**

**rising, you restored our life;**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

…..may this bread and wine be to us

the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts**

**make us, who know our need of grace,**

**one in Christ, our risen Lord**.

…. for ever praising you and saying**:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanks be to you our God, for your gift beyond words.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,   
that those who come to him should never hunger.   
Draw us to our Lord in faith and love,   
that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,   
where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,   
now and for ever.

**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 324 – God whose almighty word*

1. God whose almighty word 2. Saviour who came to bring  
chaos and darkness heard on thy redeeming wing  
and took their flight, healing and sight,  
hear us, we humbly pray, health to the sick in mind,  
and where the gospel day sight to the inly blind,  
sheds not its glorious ray now to all humankind  
Let There Be Light! Let There Be Light!

3. Spirit of truth and love, 4. Holy and Blessed Three,  
lifegiving, holy Dove, glorious Trinity,  
speed forth thy flight; Wisdom, Love, Might,  
move o'er the waters' face, boundless as ocean's tide  
bearing the lamp of grace, rolling in fullest pride,  
and in earth's darkest place through the world, far and wide,  
Let There Be Light! Let There Be Light!

BLESSING

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,

cleanse you by his holiness

and send you to proclaim his word.

**Amen.**

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,

pour upon you the riches of his grace.

**Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,

equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

**Amen.**

And the blessing …

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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