



St. Matthew's Parish - Irishtown
2nd Sunday of Easter– 11 April 2021- Morning Prayer.

Where ever you may be, whether in Ireland or beyond, our hope is that you
 will enjoy this time of worship and praise and thanksgiving.

The Greeting

Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sentence of Scripture

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,
 and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear
 of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said,
 'Peace be with you.' *John 20.19*

HYMN 525- Let there be Love shared among us.

Beloved in Christ,
 We come together to offer to Almighty God
 Our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
 To confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
 To hear his holy word proclaimed,
 To bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
 And to pray that in the power of his Spirit
 We may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Invitation to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**O God our loving Father in heaven, we confess that we have sinned against you,
We have broken your commandments, we have often been selfish and we have not loved you as we should.
For these and all our sins, forgive us we pray,
Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Absolution

May the Father of all mercies
Cleanse you from your sins
And restore you in his image
To the praise and glory of his name,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Easter Anthems

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
- 2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. *1 Corinthians 5.7b,*
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- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 6.9–11*
- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
- 7 For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
- 8 for as in Adam all die:

even so in Christ shall all be made alive. *1 Corinthians 15.20–22*

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Reading: John 20: 19-31

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God.

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our Faith

We believe and trust in one God, Father , Son and Holy Spirit.

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect

Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins

and to rise again for our justification:

Grant us so to put away the leaven

of malice and wickedness

that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN 288- Thine be the Glory, Risen Conquering Son.

Blessing

God who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
Has given us the victory,
Give you joy and peace in your faith.

Dismissal

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,
Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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