



St. Matthew's Parish - Irishtown

3rd Sunday of Easter– 18 April 2021.

A SERVICE OF THE WORD DURING THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

Hymn -263 Crown him with many crowns

1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the Lord of Love:
Behold His hands and side;
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky

Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

3 Crown Him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be love and praise:
his reign shall know no end:
And round his pierced feet
the thousand tones of earth shall blend
In concord ever sweet.

God of all mercy and compassion,
life and death are in your hands.
As we gather in this time of illness and infection,
of isolation, fear, and uncertainty:
we are mindful of the sick
and those weighed down by pain, distress, loneliness, and anxiety;
those who care for them, conscious of the risks they bear;
and all who have responsibility for public health and social order.
We pray that the cry of the afflicted may be heard
and that they may be comforted,
so that all who suffer may come to know
that they are joined to the sufferings of Christ,
who gave his life for the salvation of the world;
and by your blessing on them and those who care for them,
they may then be restored, according to your will,
to soundness of body, mind and spirit
and offer joyful thanks in your Church.

When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble,
he will deliver us from our distress.
God will bring us out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

Lord God, you raised your Son from the dead.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, through you we are more than conquerors.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you help us in our weakness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the Father

forgive us and strengthen us

to live in the power of the Spirit

all our days. **Amen.**

The priest pronounces this 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.**

Ministry of the Word

Psalm 4

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke Chapter 24 v 36-48

Address

Affirmation of Faith.

Let us confess the faith of the Church.

We believe in God the Father,

who made the world.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son,

who redeemed humankind.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God.

Prayers

Hymn 620 – ‘O Lord hear my prayer

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.**

Hymn 338- Jesus stand among us in your risen power

Jesus, stand among us
in your risen power;
let this time of worship
be a hallowed hour.

Breathe your Holy Spirit
into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows
from each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps
we will go our way
 watching for the dawning
of the eternal day.

Blessing

God grant to the living, grace
to the departed, rest,
to the Church and to the nations, peace and concord;
and the blessing.....

Dismissal

Let us Go in Peace of the risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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