



**St. Matthew's Parish - Irishtown**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter– 16 May 2021.**

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Gathering of God's People**

THE GREETING

Christ is risen

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia !**

Hymn 643 - *Be thou my vision O'Lord of my Heart.*

**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.**

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.

**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**

O God the King of Glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
Mercifully give us faith to know  
that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### **Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

FIRST READING: 1 John 5: (9-13)

HYMN 524 - *May the grace of Christ our Saviour*

## THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John Chapter 17 beginning at verse 6 (6-19)

**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 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 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

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives. *John 14:27- 28*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ  
Our risen high priest  
Make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **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

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

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**

...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!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

...we do as Christ your Son commanded:  
**we remember his passion and death,  
We celebrate his resurrection and ascension,  
And we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. 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

Eternal Giver of love and power,  
 your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
 to preach the gospel of his kingdom.  
 Confirm us in this mission,  
 and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
 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 518- *Bind us together Lord*

### DISMISSAL

Christ our exalted King  
 Pour on you his abundant gifts  
 Make you faithful and strong to do his will  
 That you may reign with him in glory:

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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