



**St. Matthew's Parish - Irishtown**  
**The Day of Pentecost– 23 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 324 - God, whose almighty word.*

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,**

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him. *1 Corinthians 2 9.-10*

#### PENITENTIAL KYRIES

Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy**

You are the King of glory, O Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy**

Come Holy Spirit, our souls inspire.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy**

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
 receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### THE COLLECT

Almighty God,  
 who on the day of Pentecost  
 sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
 with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
 filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
 By the power of the same Spirit  
 strengthen us to witness to your truth  
 and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

FIRST READING: ACTS 2: 1-21

*Hymn 310 – Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me*

THE GOSPEL READING: John 15 26-

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John Chapter 15 beginning at verse 26  
**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, come to bless us  
and fill us with your Spirit.

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

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit. *Galatians 5 v 22*

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 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.**

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

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal:  
Open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
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 503 – Make me a channel of your peace*

**BLESSING**

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.....

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ.  
alleluia.

Alleluia,

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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