



St. Matthew's Parish - Irishtown
5th Sunday of Easter– 2 May 2021.

FAMILY WORSHIP

The Greeting

Christ is risen

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

'This is the Day the Lord has made- Let us rejoice and be glad in it'.

Psalm 118 v 24

HYMN 525 Let there be Love shared among us.

Let there be love shared among us,
 let there be love in our eyes;
 may now your love sweep this nation,
 cause us O' Lord to arise;
 give us a fresh understanding,
 of brotherly love that is real;
 let there be love shared among us,
 let there be love.
 Let there be Love.

We have come together in the name of Christ
 to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
 to hear and receive God's holy word,
 to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
 and to pray for the needs of the world,
 that by the power of the Holy Spirit
 we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Creator of all,
 to you be praise and glory for ever.
 You founded the earth in the beginning
 and the heavens are the work of your hands.
 In the fulness of time, you made us in your image,
 and in these last days you have spoken to us
 in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
 As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us
 let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
 your Spirit ever renew our lives
 and your praises ever be on our lips.
 Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

PENITENCE

As we recall our disobedience of God's commandments and our failure to do his will, 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 or others as we should. For these and all our sins, forgive us we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

God our Father forgive us for failing you by what we do and think and say. Amen

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.**

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path. Psalm 119 v105

Let us then receive the word of the Lord:
so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading: 1 John 4: 7-21

HYMN 373- To God be the Glory- Great things he has done.

The Gospel Reading: John 15: 1-8

The Address

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 Jesus Christ who redeemed us?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the church

This is our faith

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty and everliving God,
we ask you to hear the prayers we offer in faith.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY.

O God,
form the minds of your faithful people,
that we may love what you command
and desire what you promise,
so that, amid the many changes of this world,
our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found:
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER ABOUT THE CURRENT CRISIS

O God, whose love we cannot measure,
 nor even number thy blessings:
 we bless and praise thee for all thy goodness,
 who in our weakness art our strength,
 in our darkness, light,
 in our sorrows, comfort and peace,
 and from everlasting to everlasting art our God,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and for ever. Amen.**

HYMN- 55 Let this day be Holy

Going out as God's People

A THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

For the love of our Father,
 the maker of all, the giver of all good things,
 let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For Jesus Christ our Saviour,
 who lived and worked among us,
 let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For his suffering and death on the cross
and his resurrection to new life,
let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church
and the life of the world,
let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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