



**St. Matthew's Parish - Irishtown**  
**The Second Sunday after Trinity– 13 June 2021.**

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Gathering of God's People**

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

*Hymn 630 - Blessed are the pure in 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.**

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.

The Confession

**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 we 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

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 of the DAY

Lord, you have taught us  
 that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
 Send your Holy Spirit  
 and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
 the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
 without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
 Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

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

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

#### Psalm 20

- 1** May the Lord answer you when you are in distress;  
**may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.**
- 2** May he send you help from the sanctuary  
**and grant you support from Zion.**
- 3** May he remember all your sacrifices  
**and accept your burnt offerings.**
- 4** May he give you the desire of your heart  
**and make all your plans succeed.**
- 5** May we shout for joy over your victory  
 and lift up our banners in the name of our God.  
**May the Lord grant all your requests.**
- 6** Now this I know: the Lord gives victory to his anointed.  
**He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary  
 with the victorious power of his right hand.**
- 7** Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
**but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.**
- 8** They are brought to their knees and fall,  
**but we rise up and stand firm.**
- 9** Lord, give victory to the king!  
**Answer us when we call!**

#### THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark Chapter 4 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

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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

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

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 PEACE

Christ is our peace.  
 He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
 We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

#### Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Wise and gracious God  
 You spread a table before us;  
 nourish your people with the word of life,  
 and the bread of heaven. **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.**

Thanks be to you our God, for your gift beyond words.

**Amen. Amen. 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

**Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son.  
Sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with 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 384 – Lord thy word abideth*

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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