

Blessed are you, Holy God,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour,
Truly divine and truly human, living and dying for us,
And going before us into heaven.

For every blessing we have received
We give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
For your Spirit, the fire of love burning in our hearts,
Bringing us to faith,
And calling us to holiness in the Church and in the world.

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THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

We go into the world
**To walk in God's light,
To rejoice in God's love,
And to reflect God's glory.**

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United in prayer for Ukraine

God of all peoples and nations,
Who created all things alive and breathing,
United and whole,
Show us the way of peace that is your overwhelming presence.
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia,
Every child and every adult.
We long for the time
When weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares
When nations no longer lift up sword against nation.
We cry out to you for peace;
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones
Be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression
And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.
Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,
And a passion for justice to prevail
and a renewed recognition that we all play a part in peace.
Creator of all hear our prayer
And bring us peace. make us whole. Amen



St. Matthew's Church, Irishtown The Fifth Sunday in Lent – 3rd April 2022 FAMILY WORSHIP

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns' " Isaiah 52 v 7

HYMN 605 – Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

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

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by God's Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In preparation for receiving the Word

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

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens. *Psalm 119 v 89*

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: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the | fortunes of | Zion, ♦
then were | we like | those who | dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth | filled with | laughter ♦
and our | tongue with | songs of | joy.
- 3 Then said they a | mong the | nations, ♦
'The | Lord has done | great things | for them.'
- 4 The Lord has indeed done | great things | for us, ♦
and | therefore we re|joiced.
- 5 Restore again our | fortunes, O | Lord, ♦
as the | river beds | of the | desert.
- 6 Those who | sow in | tears ♦
shall | reap with | songs of | joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, | bearing the | seed, ♦
will come back with shouts of joy, |
bearing their | sheaves | with them.

HYMN 525 - Let there be Love shared among us.

The Gospel Reading: John 12: 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

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross,
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray -

HYMN 356 - I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord

Going out as God's People

A THANKSGIVING

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

Blessed are you, Holy God,
Creator, redeemer and life giver;

You have spoken the world into being
And filled it with wonder and beauty.

For every blessing we have received

We give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,

For people of every language and culture
And for the rich variety you give to life.

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We give you thanks and praise.