

# ST MARY'S HOLY COMMUNION

## 20 March 2022

### **GREETING**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

### **HYMN**

#### **When morning gilds the skies**

My heart awaking cries:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'  
Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

The night becomes as day  
When from the heart we say;  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'  
The powers of darkness fear,  
When this sweet chant they hear  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

In Heaven's eternal bliss  
The loveliest strain is this;  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'  
Let air, and sea, and sky,  
From depth to height, reply:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Be this while life is mine  
My canticle divine:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'  
Be this the eternal song,

Through all the ages long:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

### ***INTRODUCTION and CONFESSION: invitation***

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

### ***COLLECT: Lent 3***

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:

mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **EPISTLE: Galatians 5**

**13** You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh<sup>a</sup>; rather, serve one another humbly in love. **14** For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”<sup>b</sup> **15** If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

**16** So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever<sup>c</sup> you want. **18** But if you are led by

the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**19** The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; **20** idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions **21** and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. **26** Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**GRADUAL**  
**There's a quiet  
understanding**

**GOSPEL: read by president:**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you O Lord**

**13** Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. **2** Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? **3** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. **4** Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? **5** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

**6** Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. **7** So he said to the man who took care of the

vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

**8** "Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. **9** If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ADDRESS: Julie Allday**

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**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen & 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

**He 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**

***INTERCESSIONS:***

***THE PEACE:* Introduction, then**  
The peace of the Lord be  
always with you:  
**And also with you.**

***HYMN***

**Come down, O Love divine,**  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own  
ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame  
bestowing.

Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be  
And lowlines become mine  
inner cxlothing  
True lowlines of heart  
Which take steh humbler part  
And oer its oen short comings  
weeps with loathing

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat  
consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while  
my path illumining.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of  
human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place  
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### **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

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 him**  
**thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and  
praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus  
Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have  
created all things;  
who was sent by you in your  
great goodness to be our  
Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the  
blessed Virgin,

he lived on earth and went  
about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us  
on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying  
for us;  
and revealed the resurrection  
by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won  
for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and  
archangels,  
and with all the company of  
heaven,  
we proclaim your great and  
glorious name,  
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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is  
risen: Christ will come  
again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,

for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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 forever. Amen.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD:**

We break this bread to share in  
the body of Christ:

**Though we are many, we  
are one body because we all  
share in one bread.**

**INVITATION** to communion

**POST-COMMUNION:**

**Father of all we give you  
thanks and praise, that  
when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son  
and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he  
declared your love, gave us  
grace,  
and opened the gate of  
glory.**

**May we who share Christ's  
body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring  
life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope  
you have set before us,  
so we and all your children  
shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to  
praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**NOTICES & BLESSING**

**HYMN**

**Jesus shall reign where'er  
the sun**

does its successive journeys  
run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore  
to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane  
no more.

To him shall endless prayer be  
made,  
and praises throng to crown his  
head.  
His name like sweet perfume  
shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every  
tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest  
song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his  
name.

Blessings abound where'er he  
reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their  
chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are  
blest.

Let every creature rise and  
bring  
the highest honours to our  
King,  
angels descend with songs  
again,  
and earth repeat the loud  
Amen.

***DISMISSAL:***

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