

# **ST MARY'S HOLY COMMUNION 14 February 2021**

## ***GREETING & WELCOME***

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

## ***HYMN:***

**Immortal, invisible, God  
only wise,**

In light inaccessible hid from  
our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the  
Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great  
name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent  
as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou  
rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high  
soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both  
great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true  
life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as  
leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish, but  
nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure  
Father of Light  
Thine angels adore Thee, all  
veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render, O  
help us to see:  
'Tis only the splendour of light  
hideth Thee.

## ***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:**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in  
majesty  
before he suffered death upon  
the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his  
glory,  
that we may be strengthened to  
suffer with him  
and be changed into his  
likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with  
you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**EPISTLE: Romans 7 v 4-8**

<sup>4</sup> So, my brothers and sisters,  
you also died to the  
law through the body of  
Christ, that you might belong to  
another, to him who was raised  
from the dead, in order that we  
might bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup> For  
when we were in the realm of  
the flesh,<sup>[a]</sup> the sinful passions  
aroused by the law were at  
work in us, so that we bore fruit  
for death. <sup>6</sup> But now, by dying  
to what once bound us, we  
have been released from the  
law so that we serve in the new  
way of the Spirit, and not in the  
old way of the written code.

<sup>7</sup> What shall we say, then? Is  
the law sinful? Certainly  
not! Nevertheless, I would not  
have known what sin was had it  
not been for the law. For I  
would not have known what  
coveting really was if the law  
had not said, "You shall not  
covet."<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing the  
opportunity afforded by the  
commandment, produced in me  
every kind of coveting. For  
apart from the law, sin was  
dead.

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

**GRADUAL:**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here,**  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the  
sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,  
Promise of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified  
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,  
We see Thy kingdom come;

We fain would hold the vision  
bright

And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here.

Yet we may not remain;

But since Thou bidst us leave  
the mount,

Come with us to the plain.

***GOSPEL: Mark 9 v 2-9***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to St  
Mark

**Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took  
Peter, James and John with him  
and led them up a high  
mountain, where they were all  
alone. There he was  
transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His  
clothes became dazzling  
white, whiter than anyone in  
the world could bleach  
them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared  
before them Elijah and Moses,  
who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it  
is good for us to be here. Let us  
put up three shelters—one for  
you, one for Moses and one for  
Elijah." <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what  
to say, they were so  
frightened.)

<sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and  
covered them, and a voice  
came from the cloud: "This is  
my Son, whom I love. Listen to  
him!"

<sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked  
around, they no longer saw  
anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down  
the mountain, Jesus gave them  
orders not to tell anyone what  
they had seen until the Son of  
Man had risen from the dead.

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

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***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 from the Holy  
Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
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**

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

***HYMN:***  
**O God beyond all praising,**  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious  
Saviour,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your  
favour  
may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our  
sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty  
and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise.

### **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:***

**O Jesus, I have promised**

To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou forever near me,  
My Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me!  
The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised

To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my friend.

***DISMISSAL:***

Go in peace to love serve the  
Lord

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**