

ST MARY'S HOLY COMMUNION 6 December 2020

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

HYMN:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse,
free
Thine own from Satan's
tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people
save
And give them victory o'er the
grave.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come
and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent
here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of
night,
And death's dark shadows put
to flight.

O come, thou key of David
come
And open wide the our heav'nly
home;
Make safe the way that leads
on high
And close the path of misery.

O come, O come, great Lord of
might
who to thy tribes on Sinai's
height
in ancient times didst give the
law,
in cloud and majesty and awe:

CONFESSIO: *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: Advent 2

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your
power
and come among us,
and with great might succour
us;
that whereas, through our sins
and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set
before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver
us;
through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy
Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and
for ever.

GRADUAL

**Seek ye the Lord all ye
people**

GOSPEL: read by president:

Mark 1 v 1 -8

The beginning of the good news
about Jesus Christ, the Son of

God,¹ ² as it is written in Isaiah
the prophet:

“I will send my messenger
ahead of you,

who will prepare your way”¹—

³ “a voice of one calling in the
wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”²

⁴ And so John the
Baptist appeared in the
wilderness, preaching a baptism
of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole
Judean countryside and all the
people of Jerusalem went out to
him. Confessing their sins, they
were baptized by him in the
Jordan River. ⁶ John wore
clothing made of camel’s hair,
with a leather belt around his
waist, and he ate locusts and
wild honey. ⁷ And this was his
message: “After me comes the
one more powerful than I, the
straps of whose sandals I am
not worthy to stoop down and
untie. ⁸ I baptize you
with³ water, but he will baptize
you with⁴ the Holy Spirit.”

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

ADDRESS: Tim Ward

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God the Father
Almighty,
creator of heaven and
earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his
only son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the
Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius
Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried.**

He descended to the dead.

**On the third day he rose
again;**

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right
hand of the Father.**

**and he will come again to
judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church the
communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***INTERCESSIONS: Andy
Blumer***

THE PEACE: Introduction, then

The peace of the Lord be
always with you:

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

**Faithful Shepherd, feed
me**

In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where Thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with Thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
To the heav'nly shore;
Make my faith grow clearer,
May I love Thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be Thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
As Thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To Thy promised rest.

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

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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.**

BLESSING

HYMN SAID:

**The Lord will come and not
be slow,**

His footsteps cannot err;
Before Him righteousness shall
go,
His royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a
flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice, from her heavenly
bower,
Look down on mortal men.

Surely to such as do him fear
Salvation is at hand!
And glory shall ere long appear
To dwell within our land.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth
in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by
right
The nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast
made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee,
Lord,
And glorify thy Name.

For great thou art, and wonders
great
By Thy strong hand are done:
Thou in Thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love serve the
Lord

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

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