

ST MARY'S HOLY COMMUNION 11 April 2021

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Alleluia. Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

HYMN

**The strife is o'er, the battle
done;**

Now is the Victor's triumph
won;
O let the song of praise be
sung. Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have
done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes
dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy
outburst. Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which
wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy
servants free,
That we may live, and sing to
thee. Alleluia!

INTRODUCTION and CONFESSION: invitation

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of
your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked
doors,

we are afraid to be seen as
your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

GLORIA: said

**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 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 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.**

COLLECT: Easter2

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no
entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of
others and walk the joyful road
of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

EPISTLE: Acts 4 v 32-35

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from

the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL SONG:

Praise him, you heavens

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GOSPEL: read by president:
John 20 v 19-end

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if

you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^(a)), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^(b) that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

ADDRESS: Tim Ward

APOSTLE’S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his
only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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 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:
Catherine Ward***

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

HYMN:

**I heard the voice of Jesus
say,**

"Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my
breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting
place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus
say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;

stoop down and drink and
live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my
soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus
say,
"I am the dawning light.
Look unto me, your morn
shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I
found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll
walk
till trav'ling days are done.

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.**

We give you thanks and praise
for the gospel we have
received.
Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death comes to all through
Adam,
and sin reigns for a time.
New life without end comes
through Christ,
and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in
victory,
the victory you give us in Christ.
Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We have been crucified with
Christ,
and live his risen life,
to praise you for ever with
angels and archangels.
**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:

**Almighty God, we thank you
for feeding us with the body
and blood of your Son Jesus
Christ.**

**Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies to be a
living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of
your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN

**I know that my redeemer
lives**

O the sweet joy this sentence
gives

Alleluia, Alleluia,

He lives, He lives who once was
dead;
He lives my everlasting head.
Alleluia

He lives to bless me with his
love,
And still He pleads for me
above;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
He lives to raise me from the
grave,
And me eternally to save.
Alleluia.

He lives, my kind wise constant
friend;
Who still we keep me to the
end;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
He lives, and while he lives I'll
sing
Jesus, my prophet, priest and
king. Alleluia.

He lives my mansion to
prepare,
And he will bring me safely
there;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
He lives all glory to his name,
Jesus, unchangeably the same.
Alleluia.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL:

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

**There is Zoom Coffee and
chat at 12 noon**

