

SAINT MARY'S HOLY COMMUNION 25 April 2021

WELCOME

The Lord be with you
And also with you

OPENING HYMN:

All people that on earth do dwell,

Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid He did us make:
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto:
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why, the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;

His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host,
Be praise and glory evermore.

CONFESSION:

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry & repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrong doing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

ABSOLUTION *God's forgiveness*

COLLECT: Easter 4

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

READING: Acts 4 v 5-12

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone."^[a]

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

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

SONG:

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

GOSPEL: John 10 v 11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my

Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

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

ADDRESS: Tim Ward

SONG:
My Jesus, My Saviour,

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. 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 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.

PRAYERS: Andy Harris

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

OFFERTORY:
The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort
still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my
sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of
days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy
praise
Within thy house for ever.

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 thanks &
praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father,
Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for
yourself. When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your
Son.

You embraced us as your

**children and welcomed us to
sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that
we might live in him and he in
us.

**He opened his arms of love
upon the cross
and made for all the perfect
sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you
thanks; he broke it and gave it
to them, saying: Take, eat; this
is my body which is given for
you;

do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in
remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the
cup of wine,

he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my
blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins;

do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in
remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and
celebrate his rising in glory,

send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

AFTER 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

BLESSING

HYMN:

**Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness:
One Church, one faith, one Lord.**

Through many a day of
darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely,
To guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded:
One Church, one faith, one Lord

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang
down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem:
One Church, one faith, one Lord.

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

