

ST MARY'S HOLY COMMUNION 13 December 2020

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

HYMN:

**On Jordan's bank the
Baptist's cry**

announces that the Lord is
nigh;
awake and hearken, for he
brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast
from sin;
make straight the way for God
within;
prepare we in our hearts a
home
where such a mighty guest may
come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great
reward:
without thy grace, we waste
away,
like flowers that wither and
decay.

To heal the sick, stretch out
thine hand,

and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let thy light
restore
earth's own true loveliness once
more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent sets thy people
free,
whom, with the Father, we
adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

***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: Advent 3

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent
your messenger
to prepare your way before
you:
grant that the ministers and
stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and
make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the
disobedient to the wisdom of
the just,
that at your second coming to
judge the world
we may be found an acceptable
people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with
the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 5

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray
continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is God's
will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not quench the
Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat
prophecies with contempt ²¹ but
test them all; hold on to what is

good, ²² reject every kind of
evil.

²³ May God himself, the God of
peace, sanctify you through and
through. May your whole spirit,
soul and body be kept
blameless at the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one
who calls you is faithful, and he
will do it.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SONG:

**Holy, Holy, God almighty
who was as is to come.**

GOSPEL: read by president:

John 1 v 6-8 & 19-28

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to St
John.

Glory to you O Lord

⁶ There was a man sent from
God whose name was
John. ⁷ He came as a witness to
testify concerning that light, so
that through him all might
believe. ⁸ He himself was not
the light; he came only as a
witness to the light. #¹⁹ Now
this was John's testimony when
the Jewish leaders in
Jerusalem sent priests and

Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

²² Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"^[a]

²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶ "I baptize with^[a] water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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

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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 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: Di Rogers

THE PEACE: Introduction, then

The peace of the Lord be
always with you:

And also with you.

HYMN

**Hail to the Lord's
Anointed,**

great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and
dying,
are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like
showers
upon the fruitful earth;
and love, joy, hope, like
flowers,
spring in His path to birth;
before Him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blessed;
the tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever--
that name to us is Love.

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.

AGNUS DEI:
**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, Grant us peace.**

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

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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love serve the
Lord

**In the name of Christ.
Amen.**