

# ST MARY'S HOLY COMMUNION 2 May 2021

## ***GREETING:***

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

## ***HYMN***

**God of mercy, God of grace**

Show the brightness of thy  
face:

Shine upon us saviour shine  
Fill thy church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend  
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee Lord;  
Be by all that live adored:  
Let the nations shout and sing,  
Glory to their saviour king  
At thy feet their tribute pay,  
And thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee Lord;  
Earth shall then her fruits  
afford;  
God to us his blessing give,  
We to God devoted live;  
All below and all above,  
One in joy and light and love.

## ***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: Easter 5***

Risen Christ, your wounds  
declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen  
life: give us compassion and  
courage  
to risk ourselves for those we  
serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**SONG:**

**O Lord our God,** how majestic

Phil Lawson Johnston©1982 Thankyou music

**GOSPEL: read by president:**

**John 15 v 1-8**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes<sup>a</sup> so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for

you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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

**ADDRESS: Julie Allday**

**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.**

**SONG:**  
**You are the vine**

**INTERCESSIONS: Sandra Cooke**

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

**HYMN**  
**Before the throne of God above**  
I have a strong a perfect plea.  
The great high priest whose  
name is love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for  
me.  
My name is graven on his hands  
My name is written on his  
heart;  
I know that while in heaven he  
stands  
No tongue can bid me thence  
depart.  
When Satan tempts me to  
despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look and see him  
there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour  
died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen  
lamb!  
My perfect spotless  
righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The king of glory and of grace.  
One with himself I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by his  
blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on  
high,  
With Christ my Saviour and my  
God.

**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:***

**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.**

***BLESSING***

***FINAL HYMN:***

**Glorious things of thee are  
spoken,**

Zion, city of our God!  
He, whose Word cannot be  
broken,  
Formed thee for His own  
abode;  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure  
repose?  
With salvation's walls  
surrounded,  
Thou mayst smile at all thy  
foes.

See, the streams of living  
waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and  
daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst t'  
assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the  
giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,  
See the cloud and fire appear,  
For a glory and a cov'ring,  
Showing that the Lord is near;  
Thus deriving from our banner  
Light by night and shade by  
day,

Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which He gives them when they  
pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city,  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy name;  
Fading is the worldling's  
pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know.

***NOTICES***

***DISMISSAL:***

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

