**Sunday 17 May 2020**

**Mass Today**

**The Introductory Rites**

*The Priest approaches the altar with the ministers and venerates it while the Entrance Antiphon is sung:*

**Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 48: 20**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Greeting**

*Either:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Or:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Or:* The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:* **And with your spirit.**

**Penitential Act**

Brethren **(**brothers and sisters**)**, let us acknowledge our sins,

and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,**

**that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,**

**in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,**

**all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,**

**to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

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| *Either:*  *V.* Lord, have mercy.  *R.* **Lord, have mercy.**  *V.* Christ, have mercy.  *R.* **Christ, have mercy.**  *V.* Lord, have mercy.  *R.* **Lord, have mercy.** | *Or:*  *V.* Kyrie, eléison.  *R.* **Kyrie, eléison.**  *V.* Christe, eléison.  *R.* **Christe, eléison.**  *V.* Kyrie, eléison.  *R.* **Kyrie, eléison.** |

**The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,**

**we give you thanks for your great glory,**

**Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;**

**you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**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.**

Let us pray.

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,

which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance

we may always hold to in what we do.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**First reading Acts 8:5-8,14-17**

**They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20**

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise. Say to God: ‘How tremendous your deeds!

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

‘Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!’

Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

**Second reading**

**1 Peter 3:15-18**

**In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.’

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  **John 14:15-21**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Homily**

**The Creed**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God,**

**the Father almighty,**

**Creator of heaven and earth,**

**and 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 into hell;**

**on the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;**

**from there 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)**

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**The Offertory**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received

the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands,

it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received

the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands,

it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, brethren **(**brothers and sisters**)**, that my sacrifice and yours

may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands**

**for the praise and glory of his name,**

**for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,

together with the sacrificial offerings,

so that, purified by your graciousness,

we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

**Preface**

**Preface for Reconciliation I**

It is truly right and just

that we should always give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you do not cease to spur us on

to possess a more abundant life

and, being rich in mercy,

you constantly offer pardon

and call on sinners

to trust in your forgiveness alone.

Never did you turn away from us,

and, though time and again we have broken your covenant,

you have bound the human family to yourself

through Jesus your Son, our Redeemer,

with a new bond of love so tight

that it can never be undone.

Even now you set before your people

a time of grace and reconciliation,

and, as they turn back to you in spirit,

you grant them hope in Christ Jesus

and a desire to be of service to all,

while they entrust themselves

more fully to the Holy Spirit.

And so, filled with wonder,

we extol the power of your love,

and, proclaiming our joy

at the salvation that comes from you,

we join in the heavenly hymn of countless hosts,

as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,

and from the world’s beginning

are ceaselessly at work,

so that the human race may become holy,

just as you yourself are holy.

Look, we pray, upon your people’s offerings

and pour out on them the power of your Spirit,

that they may become the Body and **✠** Blood

of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,

in whom we, too, are your sons and daughters.

Indeed, though we once were lost

and could not approach you,

you loved us with the greatest love:

for your Son, who alone is just,

handed himself over to death,

and did not disdain to be nailed for our sake

to the wood of the Cross.

But before his arms were outstretched between heaven and earth,

to become the lasting sign of your covenant,

he desired to celebrate the Passover with his disciples.

As he ate with them,

he took bread

and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,

broke the bread and gave it to them, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it,

for this is my Body,

which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,

knowing that he was about to reconcile all things in himself

through his Blood to be shed on the Cross,

he took the chalice, filled with the fruit of the vine,

and once more giving you thanks,

handed the chalice to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,

for this is the chalice of my Blood,

the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,

which will be poured out for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,**

**and profess your Resurrection**

**until you come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate

the memorial of your Son Jesus Christ,

who is our Passover and our surest peace,

we celebrate his Death and Resurrection from the dead,

and looking forward to his blessed Coming,

we offer you, who are our faithful and merciful God,

this sacrificial Victim

who reconciles to you the human race.

Look kindly, most compassionate Father,

on those you unite to yourself

by the Sacrifice of your Son,

and grant that, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

as they partake of this one Bread and one Chalice,

they may be gathered into one Body in Christ,

who heals every division.

Be pleased to keep us always

in communion of mind and heart,

together with **N.** our Pope and **N.** our Bishop.

Help us to work together

for the coming of your Kingdom,

until the hour when we stand before you,

Saints among the Saints in the halls of heaven,

with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,

with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,

the blessed Apostles and all the Saints,

and with our deceased brothers and sisters,

whom we humbly commend to your mercy.

Then, freed at last from the wound of corruption

and made fully into a new creation,

we shall sing to you with gladness

the thanksgiving of Christ,

who lives for all eternity.

Through him, and with him, and in him,

O God, almighty Father,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honour is yours,

for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**The Communion Rite**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

At the Saviour’s command

and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

*The Priest alone continues, saying:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days,

that, by the help of your mercy,

we may be always free from sin

and safe from all distress,

as we await the blessed hope

and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:*

**For the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

*Then the Priest alone says aloud:*

Lord Jesus Christ,

who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,

look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church,

and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*The people reply:*

**Amen.**

*The Priest adds:*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*

**Breaking of the Bread**

*During the breaking of the host the following is sung or said:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**Invitation to Communion**

*After his private prayers of preparation the Priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice says aloud:*

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*And together with the people he adds once:*

**Lord, I am not worthy**

**that you should enter under my roof,**

**but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

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**Communion Antiphon Jn 14: 15-16**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,

and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,

to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,

who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,

increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament

and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Concluding Rites**

*Any brief announcements to the people follow here. Then the dismissal takes place. Sometimes this takes a more elaborate form than that given below.*

**Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, **✠** and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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*Either:* Go forth, the Mass is ended.

*Or:* Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

*Or:* Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

*Or:* Go in peace.

*The people reply:*

**Thanks be to God.**

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