

# Service of Holy Communion

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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## ESSENTIAL SAFETY INFORMATION

### COVID-19 CHURCH WORSHIP PROTOCOLS

**\*\*Please review this protocol as there are some changes in emphasis\*\***

Please ensure that you have availed of the hand sanitiser at the dispenser in the Porch upon entry and please keep your face covering on during the service.

**† Face coverings are optional.**

- † There is a basket at the back of church in which you can place your offering and donation for the work of our church. It will be gathered in after the service.
- † We may now exchange the peace in the usual tactile way with those near to us. For those 'out of reach' you might like to hold your hands together in a gesture of prayer 🙏, and acknowledge them with a nod of your head and a broad smile.
- † If it is your custom to receive the Sacrament in your own church you are most welcome to do so here today, irrespective of your church tradition. You are invited to come forward to the Altar Rail to kneel and receive both the consecrated bread and wine. Please be sure to give some distance between yourself and others as you come from and return to your place. If you still feel hesitant about receiving the wine you may leave the rail before it reaches you.
- † Please dispose of this order of service, after use, in line with COVID-19 Protocols

**† IMPORTANT.**

**Please ensure your mobile/cell phone is switched to "Flight Mode" (after downloading the Order of Service - see QR Code poster by the Font). This is to prevent interference with our Wireless Sound System.**



# THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Gathering of God's People

## THE GREETING

*A bright Easter Resurrection welcome to visitor and viewer alike.*

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

Christ is risen!  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## HYMN

*Hymn 263 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Introduced and played for us by Adrian Hilliard.*

1  
Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing  
Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

2  
Crown Him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

5  
Crown Him the Lord of years  
The Potentate of time  
Creator of the rolling spheres  
Ineffably sublime  
All hail Redeemer hail  
For Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise shall never never fail  
Throughout eternity

3  
Crown Him the Lord of love  
Behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends each burning eye  
At mysteries so bright

4  
Crown Him the Lord of peace  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole that wars may cease  
And all be prayer and praise  
His reign shall know no end  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PENITENCE

*We sit or kneel to confess our sins*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.  
This is the first and great commandment.  
And the second is like it.  
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.  
On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.  
**Lord, have mercy on us,  
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ,  
to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

If we say that we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may walk in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
has mercy on us,  
pardons and delivers us from all our sins,  
confirms and strengthens us in all goodness,  
and keeps us in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you 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 the 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.****

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
Raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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## Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

*Please sit for the Readings and Psalm.*

*The first reading is presented to us by Aoife Hilliard*

### THE FIRST READING

#### Acts 9: 36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The remaining Scriptures are read for us by Jonathan Harig*

### THE PSALM

#### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

**therefore can I lack nothing.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures

**and leads me beside still waters.**

He shall refresh my soul

**and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

**you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.**

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen**

Revelation 7: 9-17

*After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

EASTER ANTHEMS

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us,

**therefore let us celebrate the feast,**

Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness,

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ, once raised from the dead dies no more;

**death has no more dominion over him.**

In dying, he died to sin once for all;

**in living, he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin;

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Christ has been raised from the dead:

**the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death,

**by man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

For as in Adam all die,

**even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

## THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, ch 10 beginning at v22

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit for the Sermon*

## THE SERMON

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord,  
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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## The Prayers of the People

*Please sit or kneel*

*At the end of each prayer the following is said*

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, you graciously hear us.**

*At the end of the Intercessions the following is said:*

Merciful Father,

**accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
Peace be with you.

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Please share with each other a sign of peace either by touch or by gesture* 🙏

## HYMN

*Hymn 294 "Come Down O Love Divine" played for us by Adrian Hilliard.*

1  
Come down O love divine  
Seek Thou this soul of mine  
And visit it with  
Thine own ardour glowing  
O Comforter draw near  
Within my heart appear and kindle it  
Thy holy flame bestowing

2  
O let it freely burn  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes  
In its heat consuming  
And let Thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight  
And clothe me round  
The while my path illuming

3  
Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing  
True lowliness of heart  
Which takes the humbler part  
And o'er its own shortcomings  
Weeps with loathing

4  
And so the yearning strong  
With which the soul will long  
Shall far outpass the power  
Of human telling  
For none can guess its grace  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit  
Makes His dwelling

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## Celebrating at the Lord's Table

### AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

### THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

Father, Lord of all creation,  
we praise you for your goodness and your love.  
When we turned away you did not reject us.  
You came to meet us in your Son,  
welcomed us as your children  
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.  
Above all we praise you  
for the glorious resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us;  
by dying he destroyed our death;  
by rising he restored our life:

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened wide his arms upon the cross and,  
with love stronger than death,  
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer,  
on the night before you died  
you came to table with your friends.  
Taking bread, you gave thanks,  
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.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper  
you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,  
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 in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:  
**dying, you destroyed our death,  
rising, you restored our life;  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now;  
may this bread and wine be to us  
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us, who know our need of grace,  
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:  
with your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise  
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,  
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.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold 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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

## THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## RECEIVING COMMUNION

*Please come forward to kneel at the Rail to receive the Consecrated Bread & Wine  
(being mindful of giving people a little space)*

*If you are concerned on health grounds about receiving from the Common Cup please feel free to return to your seat before the Chalice reaches you.*

## THE GREAT SILENCE

*We all keep an extended silence for reflection*

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again.  
Keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God,  
**we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of 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.**

**HYMN**

*Hymn 319 "Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound" played for us by Adrian Hilliard.*

1  
Father of heaven whose love profound  
A ransom for our souls has found  
Before Your throne we sinners bend  
To us Your pardoning love extend

2  
Almighty Son incarnate Word  
Our prophet priest redeemer Lord  
Before Your throne we sinners bend  
To us Your saving grace extend

3  
Eternal Spirit by whose breath  
The soul is raised from sin and death  
Before Your throne we sinners bend  
To us Your living power extend

4  
Transcendent Father Spirit Son  
Mysterious Godhead Three-in-One  
Before Your throne we sinners bend  
Grace pardon life to us extend

*Congratulations to our new Bishop, the Rt Revd Michael Burrows, who was 'instituted' as the Bishop of Limerick, Ardfert & Aghadoe yesterday Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm in St Mary's Cathedral Limerick.*

*We are looking for volunteers to sign up for the tea/coffee rota for May and June; the rota is on the noticeboard at the back of church.*

*You are invited to join us after the service for refreshments.*

## DISMISSAL

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life:  
and thus the peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
will keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the Blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
is with you and will remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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