

Service of Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday in Lent

19th March 2023

Mothersing Sunday



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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
and also with you.

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn 226 "It Is a Thing Most Wonderful"

1
It is a thing most wonderful
Almost too wonderful to be
That God's own Son should come from heaven
And die to save a child like me

2
And yet I know that it is true
He chose a poor and humble lot
And wept and toiled and mourned and died
For love of those who loved Him not

3
I cannot tell how He could love
A child so weak and full of sin
His love must be most wonderful
If He could die my love to win

7
And yet I want to love You Lord
O light the flame within my heart
That I may love You more and more
Until I see Thee as Thou art

4
I sometimes think about the cross
And shut my eyes and try to see
The cruel nails and crown of thorns
And Jesus crucified for me

5
But even could I see Him die
I could but see a little part
Of that great love which like a fire
Is always burning in His heart

6
How wonderful it is to know
His love for me so free and sure
But yet more wonderful to see
My love for Him so faint and poor

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.
Almighty and everlasting God
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent.
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we may be truly sorry for our sins
and obtain from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us now sit/kneel and call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

THE COMMANDMENTS

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people,
and take them to heart:

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BUT ME.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and
with all your mind and with all your strength.

YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF ANY IDOL.

God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

YOU SHALL NOT DISHONOUR THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD.

You shall worship him with reverence and awe.

REMEMBER THE LORD'S DAY, AND KEEP IT HOLY.

Christ is risen from the dead: set your mind on things that are above, not on
things that are on the earth.

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

Live as servants of God, honour all people, love your brothers and sisters in
Christ.

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER.

Be reconciled to your brother and sister: overcome evil with good.

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

Be honest in all that you do and care for those in need.

YOU SHALL NOT BE A FALSE WITNESS.

Let everyone speak the truth.

YOU SHALL NOT COVET ANYTHING WHICH BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to
receive. Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write all these your laws in our hearts**

In the wilderness we find your grace: you love us with an everlasting love.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

There is none but you to uphold our cause; our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed; Restore us and we shall know your joy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We keep silence for a short while

Make our hearts clean, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.

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.**

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.**

Lord God
 whose blessed Son our Saviour
 gave his back to the smiters
 and did not hide his face from shame:
 Give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time
 with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Please sit for the Readings

A READING FROM THE OLD COVENANT

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

A READING FROM THE NEW COVENANT

Ephesians 5: 8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP

During this hymn your list of names for prayer will be placed on the Altar

Hymn 432 “Love is His Word”

1
Love is His word love is His way
Feasting with men fasting alone
Living and dying rising again
Love only love is His way
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord
Better than splendour and wealth*

2
Love is His way love is His mark
Sharing His last Passover feast
Christ at His table host to the Twelve
Love only love is His mark
...

3
Love is His mark love is His sign
Bread for our strength wine for our joy
This is my body this is my blood
Love only love is His sign
...

4
Love is His sign love is His news
Do this He said lest you forget
All my deep sorrow all my dear blood
Love only love is His news ...

5
Love is His news love is His name
We are His own chosen and called
Family brethren cousins and kin
Love only love is His name ...

6
Love is His name love is His law
Hear His command all who are His
Love one another I have loved you
Love only love is His law ...

7
Love is His law love is His word
Love of the Lord Father and Word
Love of the Spirit God ever one
Love only love is His word ...

Please stand

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St John, ch 9 beginning at v1

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me^b while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Sermon

THE STATEMENT OF OUR BELIEF

Please stand for the Creed

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.**

The Prayers of the People

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

Being justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 🙏
During this the Mothering Sunday posies will be distributed.*

THE HYMN OF THE PRESENCE

During this Hymn your donations will be gathered in by the Stewards

Hymn 421 "I Come With Joy, a Child of God"

1	3
I come with joy a child of God	As Christ breaks bread and bids us share
Forgiven loved and free	Each proud division ends
The life of Jesus to recall	The love that made us makes us one
In love laid down for me	And strangers now are friends
2	4
I come with Christians far and near	The Spirit of the risen Christ
To find as all are fed	Unseen but ever near
The new community of love	Is in such friendship better known
In Christ's communion bread	Alive among us here
5	
Together met together bound	
By all that God has done	
We'll go with joy to give the world	
The love that makes us one	

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Merciful Father, turn us from sin to faithfulness
and from disobedience to love, and prepare us to celebrate
the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Risen Lord and saviour,
present among us with the wealth of your love.
Cleanse us from sin and give us the faith
to offer our praise and grow in your grace. **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.

Turn your hearts.

We turn them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,

at all times and in all places

it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin;

by whose grace we are able to overcome all our temptations:

And so with all your people, 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.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessèd are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. 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.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Remember that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat
the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

RECEIVING COMMUNION

All are welcome.

*Whichever tradition you follow, you are welcome to receive the Sacrament here.
Please come forward to kneel at the Rail to receive the Sacrament of Bread and Wine*

Even if you don't want to receive the Sacrament of Wine for health reasons, please feel free to hold the Chalice for a moment in acknowledgement of God's gift to us.

THE GREAT SILENCE

We all keep an extended silence for reflection

Going Out as God's People

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father, through your goodness
we are refreshed through your Son in word and sacrament.
May our faith be so strengthened and guarded
that we may witness to your eternal love
by our words and in our lives.
Grant this for Jesus' sake, 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.**

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Hymn 32 "How Great Thou Art"

1
O Lord my God
when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed
*Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art*

2
When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze
...

3
And when I think
that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
...

4
When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art
...

NOTICES

*You are all very warmly invited to join us in refreshments served at the back of church.
The Wander Wild Festival (Films) 24-25th March. There's a private reception for the parish
and our visitors immediately after our Service in the Plaza Hotel on 26th March.
The AGM (Easter Vestry) will convene in Church on Tuesday 28th March at 7pm.*

THE DISMISSAL

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves,
and to take up your cross and follow him.
May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**
May God the Son,
who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**
May God the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**
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 gentleness and humility to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ. Amen.

The service is lead by the Rector of Killarney, the Venerable Simon J Lumby CAH (Archdeacon of Limerick)
The Eucharistic Assistant is Susan Hutchinson
The Leader of Prayers is Susan Hutchinson
The Organist is Jonathan Harig

Thank you to those who take care of the cameras and recording for us.
Thank you to those who read the Scriptures for us.
Thank you to those who prepare and serve our refreshments.
Thank you to those who have prepared and will tidy the church for us.

HYMNS

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