Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Year B**

**SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2021**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**HOW GREAT THOUGH ART**

**FROM EASTER BOOKLET 2021, P. 10**

**GREETING**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

**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.**

**COLLECT**

God of everlasting mercy,

who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast

kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,

increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,

that all may grasp and rightly understand

in what font they have been washed,

by whose Spirit they have been reborn,

by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

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 4:32-35**

*The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

**SECOND READING** 1 John 5:1-6

*Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ

has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him

loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God’s children

if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is –

keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world –

our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,

not with water only,

but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –

since the Spirit is the truth.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE**

**Victimae Paschali Laudes**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:

combat strangely ended!

Life’s own Champion, slain,

yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:

say what thou didst see

upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:

he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen

from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**Gospel Acclamation**

**John 20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *John 20:19-31*

*Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**HOMILY**

**BLESSING OF THE IMAGE OF THE DIVINE MERCY**

**THE CREED**

**I believe in God,**

**the Father almighty,**

**Creator of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including ‘the Virgin Mary’, all bow.*

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**OFFERTORYHYMN**

**FILL MY HOUSE**

**FROM EASTER BOOKLET 2021, P. 11**

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.**

Accept, O Lord, we pray,

the oblations of your people

that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,

they may attain unending happiness.

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**

**The Paschal Mystery**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,

but on this night above all

to laud you yet more gloriously,

when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb

who has taken away the sins of the world;

by dying he has destroyed our death,

and by rising, restored our life.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,

every land, every people exults in your praise

and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,

sing together the unending hymn of your glory,

as they 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.**

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Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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Hosanna in the highest.

**THE MEMORIAL ACCLAM**

**COMMUNION RITE**

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.

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.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are your now and for ever.

**SIGN OF PEACE**

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.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

**AS GENTLE AS SILENCE EASTER BOOKLET P.4**

**WILL YOU LOVE ME**

**EASTER BOOKLET P.8**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We pray, almighty God,

that we may always be counted among the members of Christ,

in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION WITH CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY**

**FINAL SONG:**

**TO JESUS HEART ALL BURNING**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,

and in your kindness make those you have nourished

by this paschal Sacrament

one in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

**Solemn Blessing**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life, alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**