Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

**3rd SUNDAY of EASTER**

**Year B**

**SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**1 SEEK YE FIRST**

**FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**

**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**

May your people exult for ever, O God,

in renewed youthfulness of spirit,

so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,

we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** Acts 3:13-15,17-19

*You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised him from the dead*

Peter said to the people: ‘You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

‘Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.’

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps *4:2,4,7,9*

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;

from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;

the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once

for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

**SECOND READING** 1 John 2:1-5

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and the world's*

I am writing this, my children,

to stop you sinning;

but if anyone should sin,

we have our advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ, who is just;

he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,

and not only ours,

but the whole world’s.

We can be sure that we know God

only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, ‘I know him’,

and does not keep his commandments,

is a liar,

refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,

God’s love comes to perfection in him.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 24:32*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Luke 24:35-48*

***It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead***

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you!’ In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, ‘Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.’ And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, ‘This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.’ He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**HOMILY**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**OFFERTORYHYMN**

**44. PEACE IS FLOWING**

**FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**

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.**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

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.

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

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.

**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:**

**63. JESUS MY LORD AND MY GOD**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,

and grant, we pray,

that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries

may attain in their flesh

the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**FINAL SONG:**

**73. GO TELL EVERYONE**

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