Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

**3rd SUNDAY of EASTER**

**Year B**

**SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**62 TRINITY SONG**

**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**

Almighty ever-living God,

lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,

so that the humble flock may reach

where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

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 4:8-12

*The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: ‘Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.’

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 117(118)

*The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord

than to trust in men;

it is better to take refuge in the Lord

than to trust in princes.

*The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

I will thank you for you have answered

and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

*The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

Blessed in the name of the Lord

is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;

for his love has no end.

*The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

**SECOND READING** 1 John 3:1-2

*We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,

by letting us be called God’s children;

and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed

we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *John 10:11-18*

*The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep*

Jesus said:

‘I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

and the sheep do not belong to him,

abandons the sheep and runs away

as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man

and has no concern for the sheep.

‘I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock,

and one shepherd.

‘The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.’

**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**

**28. THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

**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**

Grant, we pray, O Lord,

that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,

so that the renewal constantly at work within us

may be the cause of our unending joy.

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:**

**25. I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU MY PEOPLE**

**FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,

and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed

by the Precious Blood of your Son.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**FINAL SONG:**

**79. THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS**

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