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SERVICE BOOKLET

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5th April 2020



A message from the Dean

On behalf of the chapter and parish I welcome you to Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. You are very welcome, whether you are visiting for the first time or for the 1000th time! We share in worship which has been offered here for 850 years.

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The Very Rev'd Niall J. Sloane,
Dean.

Devotional Prayers

Before a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Cleanse us, O Lord, and keep us undefiled, that we may be numbered among those blessed ones, who, having washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, stand before your throne, and serve you day and night in Your Temple. Amen.

Father in heaven, you have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Fulfill this longing through Jesus, the bread of life, so that we may witness to him who alone satisfies the hungers of the human family. By the power of your Spirit lead us to the heavenly table where we may feast on the vision of your glory forever and ever. Amen.

After Celebration

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of your Passion: grant, we implore you, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, as always to be conscious of the fruit of your Redemption. You who live and reign forever and ever.
Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Order of Service



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

LITURGY OF THE PALMS: THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM
Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The people may hold up their palms while this prayer is said:

Let us pray that God will bless these palms.

Silence is kept.

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING: ST MARK II: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

A priest then says the following blessing.

The Lord is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Let us go in peace. **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who, in your tender love towards the human race, sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: Grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

THE EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26: 14 - 27: 66

THE NICENE CREED

Please face the Altar

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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Please kneel or sit

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

THE PEACE

Please stand

Now in union with Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood; for he is our peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE [12]

THE OFFERTORY

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, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise: Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who, for the redemption of the world, humbled himself to death on the cross; that, being lifted up from the earth, he might draw all people to himself: 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 singing/saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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!

Blessed 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 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.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

THE COMMUNION

THE GREAT SILENCE

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation. Give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. 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 BLESSING

Christ draw you to himself and grant that you find in his cross a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven and the blessing...

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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THIS WEEKS NOTICES

***Until further notice all parish activities and acts of public worship have been suspended.
If you need to contact a member of the clergy, please find details below.***

Church closures: Due to ongoing restrictions, it is with regret that all our church buildings are fully closed to the public.

Livestreaming: In the last week and in collaboration with Church Services TV a camera has been installed in the Cathedral to livestream services. We are grateful to the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund who have made this possible. The Dean has been given a special letter permitting him to travel to/from the Cathedral to conduct services which may be viewed live at www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys

Tomorrows service for Palm Sunday will be on air at 10.30am.

This facility is currently unable to record services so there will not be an opportunity to view the service afterwards. The Facebook page will not be streaming the service but will provide a link to the Church Services TV website. Please do join us!

Good Friday: As a result of the camera being installed in the Cathedral, RTE have invited the Dean to conduct the service for Good Friday (10th April) which will be aired on RTÉ News Now at 10.30am. on Good Friday. Please tune in!

A letter from the Bishop: Please see attached

Anxious? This is an anxious and unsettling time for everybody. If you are concerned about your mental health, may I direct you to the following resource -

<https://www2.hse.ie/wellbeing/mental-health/minding-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html>

Help!

Limerick has come together like never before to help those most in need during the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic. As you will be aware, members of sporting clubs, community groups, various agencies and organisations and individuals are volunteering to support the elderly and vulnerable at this time.

We are listing below a variety of links, contact details etc. which we would ask you to promote on social media in support of this initiative.

To contact the Response team Freephone 1800 832 005 or email covidsupport@limerick.ie

To register to become a volunteer please email volunteer@limerick.ie

www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/age-friendly-limerick/limerick-covid-19-community-response

Mobile contacts: As a means of communication (in particular) for those with no internet access, we are looking at ways of communicating via text message. If you would like to subscribe to this facility, please text 'Subscribe' with your full name to 0873524046.

Finance and giving: Questions have been asked in relation to giving, in particular, with respect to those on the Christian Stewardship / Free Will Offering 'Envelope' scheme. For more information please contact Lindsay Boyle (087 7867134), Saint Mary's Cathedral or Trevor Lyttle (0879191314), Saint Michael's.

Children's Resources: Please see www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources/607/covid19-resources-for-family-activities#section-607 for a selection of resources for the junior members of our parish.

Newslink: The April edition is now available and shall be hand delivered to your home. Please bear with us as we do this.

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Mabel Lytle, Dorothy [Doddie] Reid, 2nd Lieutenant Archie Maynard Brown, Erwin Dendikkon, Ruth Ryan, the Very Rev. Herbert Cassidy, John Mc Namara and Noel Bingham

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Down & Dromore and Bishop David McClay. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop of the Province & Bishop of the Seychelles. *Diocese:* The diocesan Safeguarding Trust coordinator Margaret Brickenden, Safeguarding trainers and members of Safeguarding panels in our parishes and diocesan organisations.

Prayers for the Sick: Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially Pamela St George, Andrew Prior, Victor Draper, Baby Kyle, Kate O'Donnell, Canon Marie Rowley-Brooke, Leslie Cowpar, John Copley, Margaret Dann, John Keating, Sabina Moore, Vera Irwin, Laura Curtis, Sarah Gess, William Battle, Mac A, Amy Mulcahy, Rita, Rose McNamara, Doris Moorehead, Margaret Gallogly, Gerard, Lynn Latchford, Rosemary, Sonya Martin, Anne Greenaway, Maureen Botha, Geraldine Mangan, John, Joe O'Dwyer, Jenny, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Ruth Watt, Harold Armstrong, Pauline Parsons, Barbara McCoole, Kayt Ischner-Shier, David McClure, Adrian O'Connell, Lorraine McCarthy, Florrie Gill, Pat Mulcahy, John Nix, Michael Devereux, Archie Brown, Mark Walsh, Terry Cusack and Martha Creamer.

A prayer about the Coronavirus outbreak

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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