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# SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL LIMERICK



## SERVICE BOOKLET

**Sunday after the Ascension  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**



## **A message from the Dean**

Happy Easter! 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 1000<sup>th</sup> time! We share in worship which has been offered here for 850 years.

*Niall*

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



MUSIC

### INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

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

*The Confession is introduced with appropriate words, such as:*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

*Silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The celebrant pronounces the Absolution*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. 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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Said by the Celebrant*

O God the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

*Please sit*

#### **Acts 1: 6-14**

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### THE PSALM

#### **Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35**

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; ♦ let those that hate him flee before him.  
As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; ♦ as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.  
But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; ♦ let them make merry with gladness.  
Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds. ♦ The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.  
Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, ♦ God in his holy habitation!  
God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, ♦ but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.  
O God, when you went forth before your people, ♦ when you marched through the wilderness  
The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,  
♦ at the presence of God, the God of Israel.  
You sent down a gracious rain, O God; ♦ you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.  
Your people came to dwell there; ♦ in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.  
Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; ♦ make music in praise of the Lord;  
He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens ♦ and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.  
Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, ♦ whose power is above the clouds.  
How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, ♦ the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to  
his people! Blessed be God.

## THE EPISTLE

### **I Peter 4: 12–14; 5: 6–11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

*At the end the reader may say*  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL

*Please stand*

**MUSIC:** Allegretto grazioso (from Six Pieces) - Frank Bridge

## THE GOSPEL

*Please turn to face the reader*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John chapter 17 beginning at verse 1  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

*At the end the reader may say*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



THE SERMON: THE DEAN

*Please sit*

THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand*

**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

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*Please kneel or sit*

*The Response to 'Lord in your mercy' is '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*

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE [12]

### THE OFFERTORY HYMN 285

St Magnus



The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty Victor's brow.

The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him:  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1854

### 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 Lord, who after he had risen from the dead ascended into heaven, where he is seated at your right hand to intercede for us and to prepare a place for us in glory: 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!*

*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

#### MUSIC

#### THE GREAT SILENCE

#### GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*followed by*

**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.**

#### HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 266

Llanfair



Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!  
To His throne above the skies, Alleluia!  
Christ the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven, Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!  
far above the starry height, Alleluia!  
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!  
following thee beyond the skies, Alleluia!

*Words: Charles Wesley, 1707-88*



## THE BLESSING

Christ our exalted King pour on you his abundant gifts make you faithful and strong to do his will that you may reign with him in glory: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

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

MUSIC: [Heut triumphiret Gottes Sohn - J.S. Bach](#)

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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.***

**Havergal and Roxboro Schools' Charity & Leamy Board of Education:** These funds which help with education grants are now open for applications. For more information please contact the Dean.

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

**Children's Resources:** Please see [www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources/607/covid19-resources-for-family-activities#section-607](http://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.

**Livestreaming:** Log onto [www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys](http://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys)  
Sunday services will be on air at 10.30am.

This facility is NOW ABLE to record services so there will 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!

**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.

To contact the Response team Freephone 1800 832 005 or email [covidsupport@limerick.ie](mailto:covidsupport@limerick.ie)

To register to become a volunteer please email [volunteer@limerick.ie](mailto:volunteer@limerick.ie)

[www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/age-friendly-limerick/limerick-covid-19-community-response](http://www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/age-friendly-limerick/limerick-covid-19-community-response)

**Are you a sewer?** Help produce masks to support healthcare professionals and other essential workers in our communities. Log onto [www.masks4allireland.com/pages/make](http://www.masks4allireland.com/pages/make) for full details.

**Finance and giving:** The parish treasurers and envelope recorders have received a number of donations from parishioners which is very much appreciated. Despite the on-going situation, the ministry and mission of the parish continues, and we are grateful to all those who support this. THANK YOU!

If you have any questions with respect to the Christian Stewardship / Free Will Offering 'Envelope' scheme, please contact Lindsay Boyle (087 7867134), Saint Mary's Cathedral or Trevor Lyttle (0879191314), Saint Michael's. For general enquiries about giving please contact the Treasurer of the appropriate church Terry Cusack (Saint Mary's), Daire McNamara (Saint Michael's) or Bertie Swanton (Abington).

**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>

**Sympathy:** We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara McCoolle who died during the week. Barbara was for many years an active member of the organising committee of the Womens' World Day of Prayer.

**Remembrance Book:** Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Elizabeth Franke, Kenneth Graydon, Nevitt Fogerty, Clement Thompson, Elizabeth [Rita] Harris, Marjorie Rolf, Gerard Burke and Lionel Watts.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Connor and Bishop elect George Davison.  
*Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* On Anglican Communion Sunday we pray:  
For all members of the Anglican Communion around the world.  
For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops.  
For members of the Anglican Consultative Council.  
For the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon.  
For the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York.  
*Diocese:* All those in our dioceses engaged in Agriculture.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially Pamela St George, 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, Gerard, Lynn Latchford, Rosemary, Sonya Martin, Anne Greenaway, Geraldine Mangan, John, Joe O'Dwyer, Jenny, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Ruth Watt, Harold Armstrong, Kayt Ischner-Shier, David McClure, Adrian O'Connell, Lorraine McCarthy, Florrie Gill, John Nix, Michael Devereux, Archie Brown, Mark Walsh, Terry Cusack, Eamo Lynch, Birdie Skehan, Alice O'Connell, Anne Hayes and Martha Creamer.

**NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST:** *The prayer list will be cleared on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020, if you wish to place a name (or retain a name) on the list, please email your prayer request to [limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com). Under GDPR regulations please ensure you have the consent of the named person(s) before submitting a name.*

*For confidentiality reasons the clergy would appreciate NOT being asked on the status of people. Whilst we appreciate people are showing care and concern, it can compromise the relationship between pastor and parishioner. Thank you.*

*Prayers 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.

Loving Father, we entrust to you the sick, the quarantined, and their families. Bring them healing in body, mind and spirit. Comfort the bereaved and anxious. Sustain and protect frontline medical staff, carers and essential workers. Further the efforts of those seeking to contain the spread of the virus. Give wisdom to those in authority making decisions in response to the epidemic. And guide us all to protect ourselves and our communities. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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