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LIMERICK



SERVICE BOOKLET

**Easter V
10th 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 1000th 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

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Please sit

Acts 7: 55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

THE PSALM

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; ♦ deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; ♦ make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; ♦ guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, ♦ for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, ♦ for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

'My times are in your hand; ♦ deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

'Make your face to shine upon your servant, ♦ and save me for your mercy's sake.

THE EPISTLE

I Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness

into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

THE GRADUAL

Please stand

MUSIC

THE GOSPEL

Please turn to face the reader

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John chapter 14 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE [12]

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 529

Thornbury



1

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
their wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
thy people owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

4

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
thy victory shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Words: William H. Draper, 1855 – 1933

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: Above all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us; by dying he destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life: 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: *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 God, in word and sacrament we proclaim your truth in Jesus Christ and share his life. In his strength may we ever walk in his way, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 652

Mannheim



1

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

3

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Words: James Edmeston, 1791-1867

THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life: 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 the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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.***

Sympathy: We remember all of them in our thoughts and prayers, among them:
Geraldine, Alan and the Whisker family on the recent death of her niece
Ian, Elizabeth & the Beamish family on the death of his aunt in Cork
Philip, William, Louise, Victoria and their families on the death of their mother, Violet Despard

Congratulations: To Pascal & Marie O'Grady on the birth of their Granddaughter.

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 for a selection of resources for the junior members of our parish.

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

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!

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.

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

Calling all writers! Newslink will be published but **not** printed; therefore, distribution will not be a concern for the June magazine. All subscribers may access it on-line for this month or for however long the restrictions remain in place.

It may be that there is very little news this month but here are some alternative or additional suggestions for you. Stories/articles about:

1. The goodness of neighbours, family, community, clergy, lay-readers, etc.
2. The inter-generational “bonding” and caring which seems to be emerging
3. Parishes/schools/organisations which have additional internet presence and which have not been in past issues of Newslink. (Many churches now have “live-streaming”, pre-recorded services, etc. which many people in the united dioceses are unaware of.)
4. Virtual holidays: give the web address/blogspot/youtube url, etc.

We are open to suggestions. If you would like to contribute something to the June edition please send your article to the Dean - dean@limerick.anglican.org

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: 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).

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: David Hayes, Maureen Gaffney, Wilfred Maduchor, Eddie Ryan, Sean Deegan and Yolanda Dolton.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Connor and Bishop elect George Davison. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Anglican Church of Kenya and Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya. *Diocese:* The Skreen Union of parishes in the Diocese of Killala, Rev Canon Noel Regan, and the congregations of Christ Church Dromard, St Mary’s Kilmacshalgan & Skreen Church.

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, Eamo Lynch, Mary Swanton, Birdie Skehan, Alice O'Connell and Martha Creamer.

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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