

Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2020

Entrance Hymn

Greeting & Welcome

Penitential Rite

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters to prepare ourselves to celebrate this Eucharist, Let us pause for a moment and remember the times when we did not live as Jesus has asked us to.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ have mercy

All: Christ have mercy

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

Celebrant: Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

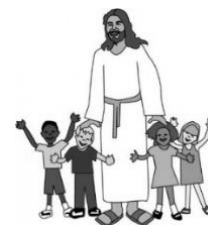
~~Liturgy of the Word~~



First Reading *A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

Brothers and sisters: I have already told you what the Lord Jesus did on the night he was betrayed. He took some bread in his hands. Then after he had given thanks, he broke it and said

"This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in memory of me."



After the meal,

Jesus took a cup of wine in his hands and said,

"This is my blood and with it God makes a new agreement with you.

Do this in memory of me."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial psalm sung:

Alleluia (All stand)

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus sent Peter and John with these instructions: " Go and get the Passover meal ready for us to eat. " They went off and found everything just as Jesus had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles. He said to them "I have wanted so much to have this Passover meal with you before I suffer!" Then he took a piece of bread and broke it, and gave thanks to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given up for you. Do this in memory of me. "In the same way he gave them the cup after the supper, saying, "This is my covenant sealed with my blood, which is poured out for you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Faithful

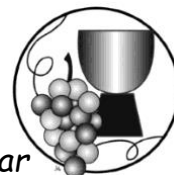
Celebrant: Trusting in the loving kindness of God our Father, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. Lord, thank you for this wonderful day when you remind us of your love and that you are truly present in Holy Communion.
Lord, hear us
2. Thank you for all who have helped us especially our parents and family. Help us to love each other as God loves us. Lord, hear us
3. We pray for our teachers and all who work with children. Help them to guide the children in their care with respect and love.
Lord, hear us
4. We pray for our community, for everyone in our parish, and for people around the world during this time of the Corona virus. May all who are sick recover their health and continue to live strengthened by God's love.
Lord, hear us
5. We pray for all people, especially children, who are poor, who are sick, and who don't have enough water or food. Help us to reach out to help them.
Lord, hear us
6. Lord, welcome into Heaven all who have died especially family members and friends and all those who have died from the Covid-19 virus.
Lord, hear us
7. We pray for all who are lonely and who have lost loved ones may they find comfort and peace in the support and prayers of many people.
Lord hear us.

Celebrant

**God our Father, we thank you for listening to our prayers.
May our hearts always welcome your love,
especially as you give it in your Word and in the Bread of Life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

~~Liturgy of the Eucharist~~



The Priest takes the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the Altar
Offertory Hymn

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR CHILDREN I

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **All:** And with your spirit

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. **All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All:** It is right and just

Celebrant:

God our Father, you have brought us here together so that we can give you thanks and praise for all the wonderful things you have done.

We thank you for all that is beautiful in the world and for the happiness you have given us. We praise you for daylight and for your word which lights up our minds.

We praise you for the earth, and all the people who live on it, and for our life which comes from you. We know that you are good. You love us and do great things for us.

Father, you are always thinking about your people; you never forget us.

You sent your Son Jesus, who gave his life for us and who came to save us.

He cured sick people; he cared for those who were poor and wept with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive each other. He loved everyone and showed us how to be kind. He took children in his arms and blessed them.

God our Father, all over the world your people praise you. So now we pray with the whole Church: with Francis our pope and Diarmuid our bishop.

In heaven the blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints always sing your praise.

Now we join with them and with the angels to adore you
as we sing (say):

All: 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.

Celebrant: God our Father, you are most holy and we want to show you that we are grateful. We bring you bread and wine and ask you to send your Holy Spirit to make these gifts the ✠ body and blood of Jesus your Son.

Then we can offer to you what you have given to us.

On the night before he died,
Jesus was having supper with his apostles.

He took bread from the table.

He gave you thanks and praise.

Then he broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said:



TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT:

FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup that was filled with wine. He thanked you, gave it to his friends, and said:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT:

THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

Then he said to them: **DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

We do now what Jesus told us to do. We remember his death and resurrection and we offer you, Father, the bread that gives us life, and the cup that saves us. Jesus brings us to you; welcome us as you welcome him.

The mystery of faith:

All: My Lord and my God

Celebrant: Father, because you love us, you invite us to come to your table. Fill us with the joy of the Holy Spirit as we receive the body and blood of your Son.

Lord, you never forget any of your children. We ask you to take care of those we love, especially those for whom we now pray and we pray for those who have died.

Remember everyone who is suffering from pain or sorrow.

Remember Christians everywhere and all other people in the world.

We are filled with wonder and praise when we see what you do for us through Jesus your Son, and so we say

Through him and with him, and in him**All: Amen**



Communion Rite

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.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever.

Prayer & Sign of Peace:

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.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, come to me,
Lord Jesus, give me your love,
Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.

Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me.
Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please remain seated until
all the children have received First Holy Communion*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I love and adore you. You're a special friend to me.
Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome, Thank you for coming to me.
Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you, For giving yourself to me,
Make me strong to show your love, Wherever I may be.



Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay Close by me for ever and love me, I pray,
Bless all of us children in your loving care, And bring us to heaven to live with you
there.

I'm ready now, Lord Jesus, To show how much I care, I'm ready now to give your love
At home and everywhere.

Final Prayer:

May sharing at the heavenly table sanctify us, Lord, we pray, so that through the
Body and Blood of Christ the whole family of believers may be bound together.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

FINAL BLESSING:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Boys and Girls,

May the Lord be a sure path beneath your feet,
a bright light before you,
a kindly shepherd behind you;
this day, this night and always.

All: Amen.

And may almighty God bless you all,

✠the Father, ✠and the Son, ✠and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

**Congratulations to all the boys and girls and you their families. Thank you for
being with us today and we hope you all have a very happy day with lots of good
memories in time to come.**