**Early Communion | 1 May 2022 8:30 am | Easter 3**

**Introduction**

**The Collect for Purity**

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

**The Commandments**

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

**The Collect of the Third Sunday of Easter**

**The Epistle**

. . is written in the 5th chapter of Revelation beginning at the 11th verse

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying:

‘Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honour and glory and praise!’

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honour and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!’

The four living creatures said, ‘Amen’, and the elders fell down and worshipped.  
Here endeth the epistle.

**The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel is written in the 21st chapter of the Gospel according to St John beginning at the first verse. **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ‘I’m going out to fish,’ Simon Peter told them, and they said, ‘We’ll go with you.’ So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, ‘Friends, haven’t you any fish?’

‘No,’ they answered.

He said, ‘Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.’ When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, ‘It is the Lord,’ he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish you have just caught.’ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ None of the disciples dared ask him, ‘Who are you?’ They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.  
**Thanks be to thee, O Lord**

**The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
Very God of very God,  
Begotten, not made,  
Being of one substance with the Father;  
By whom all things were made:  
Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
And was made man,  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord, and Giver of life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
Who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon**

**Prayer for the Church Militant**

**Confession and** **Absolution**

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Maker of all things,  
Judge of all men;  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,  
By thought, word, and deed,  
Against thy Divine Majesty,  
Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
The remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
The burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may ever hereafter  
Serve and please thee  
In newness of life,  
To the honour and glory of thy Name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**.

**Comfortable Words**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**It is meet and right so to do.**  
Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,  
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

**Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.  
But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy:  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy 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**.

**Great Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:  
Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, **took Bread**; and, when he had given thanks, **he brake 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.  
Likewise after supper **he took the Cup**; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this: for **this is my Blood** of the New Testament which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

**Receiving Communion**

**The Lord’s Prayer** **and Prayer**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Blessing**