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**THE GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**and also with you.**

**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

Round the throne of God, day and night they never cease to sing, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.’ Rev. 4: 8

HYMN

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God almighty,

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty;

God in Three persons, blessed Trinity!

4 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God almighty,

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty;

God in Three persons, blessed Trinity

**THE 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.**

**PRAYERS OF 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.**

**CONFESSION**

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all fear and hatred, anger and bitterness, slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our Redeemer. *Silence*

*Bru* Father, you come to meet us when we return to you.

*Choir sings* Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie eleison

*Victor* Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins.

*Choir sings* Christe, Christe, Christe eleison

*David* Spirit, you give us life and peace.

*Choir sings* Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie eleison

*Joyce* 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**

*David* 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.

*Victor* 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.

*Bru* 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**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

**THE FIRST READING Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4a**

*Ardee Eileen*

1 In the beginning when God created[\*](javascript:void(0);) the heavens and the earth, 2the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God[\*](javascript:void(0);) swept over the face of the waters. 3Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, ‘Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.’ 7So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. 8God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

*Collon Hazel*

9 And God said, ‘Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. 10God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. 12The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. 13And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

*Castlebellingham Linda*

14 And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. 16God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, 18to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

*Dunleer Mike*

20 And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ 21So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 22God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ 23And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. 25God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

*Drogheda James*

26 Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind[\*](javascript:void(0);) in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,[\*](javascript:void(0);) and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ 27 So God created humankind[\*](javascript:void(0);) in his image, in the image of God he created them;[\*](javascript:void(0);)   male and female he created them. 28God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’

*Drogheda Sean*

29God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. 31God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

 *Bru* **PSALM**

1  O Lord our governor, ♦︎  
   how glorious is your name in all the world!  
2  Your majesty above the heavens is praised ♦︎  
   out of the mouths of babes at the breast.  
3  You have founded a stronghold against your foes, ♦︎  
   that you might still the enemy and the avenger.  
4  When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ♦︎  
   the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

*Victor*

5  What is man, that you should be mindful of him; ♦︎  
   the son of man, that you should seek him out?  
6  You have made him little lower than the angels ♦︎  
   and crown him with glory and honour.  
7  You have given him dominion over the works of your hands ♦︎  
   and put all things under his feet,  
*David*

8  All sheep and oxen, ♦︎  
   even the wild beasts of the field,  
9  The birds of the air, the fish of the sea ♦︎  
   and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.  
10  O Lord our governor, ♦︎  
   how glorious is your name in all the world!

**THE EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13**

11 Finally, brothers and sisters,[\*](javascript:void(0);) farewell.[\*](javascript:void(0);) Put things in order, listen to my appeal,[\*](javascript:void(0);) agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of[\*](javascript:void(0);) the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN** 324 *vvs 1,4*

1 God whose almighty word

Chaos and darkness heard,

And took their flight:

Hear us, we humbly pray.

And where the gospel-day

Sheds not its glorious ray,

Let there be light!

4 Holy and blessed Three,

Glorious Trinity,

Wisdom, love, might:

Boundless as ocean’s tide

Rolling in fullest pride,

Through the world, far and wide,

Let there be light!

**THE GOSPEL READING**

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,  
according to St Matthew chapter 28 beginning at verse 16

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Matthew 28: 16-20**

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. 18And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’[\*](javascript:void(0);)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON** *Iain*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Joyce*

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was and is, and is to come.**

*David*

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

For by his will they were created and have their being.

*Bru*

We believe in God the Son who was slain:

For with his blood he has purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

*Victor*

We believe in God the Holy Spirit

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Joyce*

We come boldly to the throne of grace, praying to the almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

*Choir sings* Father of heaven, whose love profound

A ransom for our souls has found.

We pray for the world, created by your love, for its nations and governments. We pray for rulers and leaders everywhere. Guide them and those who advise them. Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

*Choir sings:* Almighty Son, incarnate Word

Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:

We pray for our Church, created for your glory. May the ministry of bishops, priests, deacons and laity reflect those works of yours.

Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

*Choir sings* Eternal Spirit, by whose breath

The soul is raised form sin and death:

We pray for families and individuals, created in your image, for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying, and especially for those who must die, separated from those they love.

Breathe on them the breath of life and bring them to your mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

*Choir sings* Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,

Mysterious Godhead, Three in One:

We pray for ourselves, for all whom we remember before you.

Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven, to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity, as we worship you, saying

*Joyce and Richard*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**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**

 Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with you.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1: 17

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Lord, yours is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty; for all things come from you and of your own we give you.

**THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

*Stand. The Presiding Minister takes the bread and wine and may say*

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us

**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1**

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:

 You have revealed your glory as the glory of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be worshipped and adored:

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 LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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 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.**

**AGNUS DEI**

*Bru*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

*David*

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

*Victor*

**Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

**THE COMMUNION**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen**

**THE GREAT SILENCE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty God, may we who have received this holy communion, worship you with lips and lives proclaiming your majesty and finally see you in your eternal glory: Holy and Eternal Trinity, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**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**

*Iain*

God the Father, who first loved us and made us accepted in the beloved Son, bless you. Amen

*Joyce*

God the Son, who love us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, bless you Amen.

*Richard*

God the Holy Spirit, who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts, bless you. Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

**HYMN 316** *vvs 2,3,4*

2 Round the Lord in glory seated

Cherubim and seraphim

Filled his temple and repeated

Each to each th’alternate hymn.

3 Lord, thy glory fills the heaven,

Earth is with thy fullness stored;

Unto thee be glory given,

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

4 Heaven is still with glory ringing,

Earth takes up the angels’ cry,

‘Holy, holy, holy’ singing,

‘Lord of hosts, the Lord most high’

**DISMISSAL**

 Go in peace, love and joy to serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.**