

Holy Saturday 3rd April 2021
Online Interactive Holy Mass, 6pm

Liturgical colour: White.

Mass Intention: For all parishioners living and dead who served the Church faithfully.

Activity:

- *If you can safely do so, prepare your own Easter Candle or torch, decorate it! – lights all switched off, even where you are if you could do so safely for the liturgy of the light. After the first intone ‘Christ Our Light’ and response ‘Thanks Be To God’ you light your own candle or torch or the light of your mobile phone (but remember to set it to airplane mode!!). With the final intone switch on the lights where you are. Let us all be under the candlelight as the exulted is sung (I shall try singing it for you)!*
- *Just a few drops of water on a saucer to bless yourself, as safely as possible exercising one’s isolation. We shall use this water to bless ourselves after renewing our baptismal promises. Which reminds us of our own baptism.*

Liturgy of the light – Response ‘Thanks be to God’

First reading - *Kate Hamilton*

Psalm – *Intro: Louise; Kathleen to sing*

Prayer – *Fr Prem*

Second reading – *Verena Brogden*

Canticle – *Intro: Louise; Kathleen to sing*

Prayer – *Fr Prem*

Third reading - *Caroline Johnson*

Psalm recited – *Marika Dimech (you have the communion antiphon below too)*

Prayer – *Fr Prem*

Gloria for the first time to be intoned by Fr Prem, and then be recited by all

Opening Prayer

Epistle – *Hannah Duncan*

Gospel Acclamation – *Alleluia for the first time to be intoned by Fr Prem then followed by singing the psalm 117 by Jean Clark intoning Alleluia*

Intercessions – *After the renewal of our Baptismal promises*

1. *Jayne Chivers*
2. *Lou Borucki*
3. *Mary Guilgunn-Jones*
4. *Chris Brenan*
5. *Mary Fitzgerald*
6. *William Dimech*

Offertory – *Louise Nixon on an instrumental*

Act of spiritual Communion – *Joe Lockwood*

Communion Antiphon – *Marika Dimech*

Recessional - *Now the green blade Riseth 498 - Intro: Steph V1 Elizabeth V2 Massimo V3 Jim V4 Anna Extra verse: Louise*

Prayers, Antiphons & Readings at Mass

**During to the liturgy of the light your response to Christ our light is
'THANKS BE TO GOD' – See activity given above**

First reading - Kate Hamilton

Genesis 1:26-31

God saw all that he had made, and indeed it was very good

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.'

God created man in the image of himself,
in the image of God he created him,
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

The word of God

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm – Intro: Louise; Kathleen to sing

Psalm 103(104):1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

You founded the earth on its base,
to stand firm from age to age.

You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

(Verses 3 & 4 omitted)

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Prayer – Fr Prem

Second reading – Verena Brogden

Exodus 14:15-15:1

The sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.’

Then the angel of God, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long.

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. ‘Let us flee from the Israelites,’ the Egyptians cried. ‘The Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!’

‘Stretch out your hand over the sea,’ the Lord said to Moses, ‘that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.’

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh’s whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them.

That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

The word of God

All: Thanks be to God

Canticle – Intro: Louise; Kathleen to sing

Exodus 15

Hymn of victory after crossing the Red Sea

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

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Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!

The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.

This is my God and I extol him,

my father’s God and I give him praise.

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

The Lord is a warrior! 'The Lord' is his name.

The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,
the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.

The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone.

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,
your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe.

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

You will lead your people and plant them on your mountain,
the place, O Lord, where you have made your home,

the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.

The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

Prayer – Fr Prem

Third reading - *Caroline Johnson*

Isaiah 55:1-11

**Come to me and your soul will live, and I will make an everlasting
covenant with you**

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,
a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Canticle – *Marika Dimech*

Isaiah 12

The rejoicing of a redeemed people

Your Response: *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

Response: *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.

Response: *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds;
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Response: *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

Prayer – Fr Prem

**Gloria (recited – after intoning by the priest ‘Gloria in Excelsis Deo’
The Gloria (recited) for the First Time after Lent**

Opening Prayer – Fr Prem

Epistle – Hannah Duncan

Romans 6:3-11

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a Christian dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia solemnly intoned by the Priest for the first time after Lent

Psalm – Sung by Jean Clark

Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you into Galilee

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

Blessing of water

Renewal of Baptismal Promises at Easter

Priest: Do you renounce sin,
so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you renounce the lure of evil,
so that sin may have no mastery over you?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you renounce Satan,
the author and prince of sin?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

All: I do.

Priest: And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. **All: Amen.**

Intercessions

Priest

Christ is Risen as He said Alleluia!! Now with confidence we bring our prayers.

Reader

Jayne
Chivers

For the Pope and all the leaders of the people of God: May they be true witnesses to the message of Easter and proclaim the Gospel with courage and joy to the women and men of our time. **We pay to the Lord R/ Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lou
Borucki

For our Parish and the Christian community: may we be missionary disciples, proclaiming our faith by how we love our family, what we say, what we do and choose to live our life in challenging times. **We pray to the Lord R/**

Mary
Guilgunn
-Jones

For the pandemic that has brought so much uncertainty, pain and suffering: in God's mercy and goodness may we all be spared and protected. May it come to a pass, please God with your intervention in these times. **We pray to the Lord R/**

Chris
Brena

For legislators: that they may always strive to uphold the dignity of life, seeking the good of each and every person, and all peoples. **We pray to the Lord R/**

Mary
Fitzgerald

For those that are sick in hospital, the elderly people who are in care homes or in hospital: bless them, be with them. Bless the NHS, the doctors, nurses and carers, the volunteers and all those who care them. **We pray to the Lord R/**

William
Dimech

For those dying today, recently departed and those our loved ones gone before: that they may enter paradise and share in the glory of the resurrection. **We pray to the Lord R/**

At this first mass at Easter, renewing our commitment to the disciple ship of our Lord, we place ourselves in the hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first disciple prayingHail Mary

Priest

God our Father we bring all our prayers, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord Amen

Offertory – Louise Nixon on an instrumental

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we ask, O Lord,
the prayers of your people
with the sacrificial offerings,
that what has begun in the paschal mysteries
may, by the working of your power,
bring us to the healing of eternity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Act of spiritual communion – Joe Lockwood

Communion Antiphon – Marika Dimech

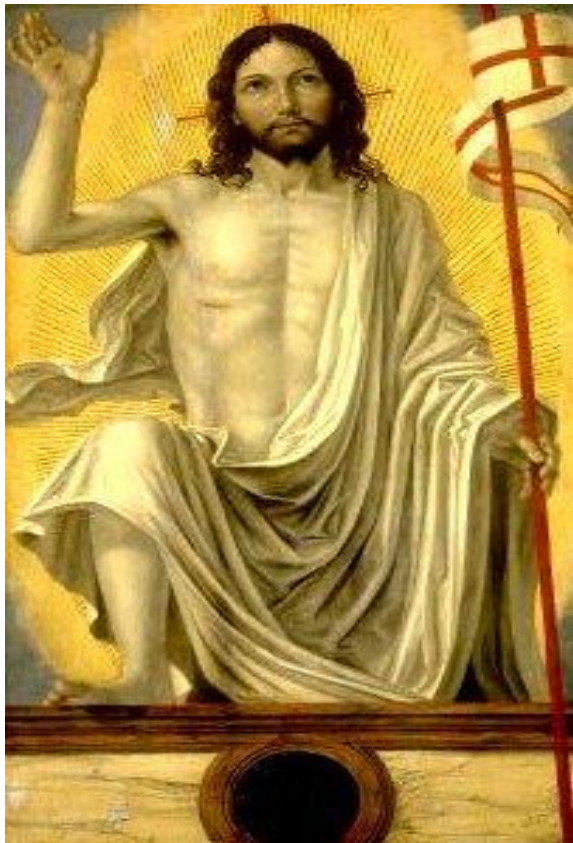
1 Cor 5: 7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed;
therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness make those you have nourished
by this paschal Sacrament
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord. *All: Amen*

**Final Hymn - Now the green blade riseth - Intro: Steph V1 Elizabeth V2 Massimo V3 Jim V4
Anna Extra verse: Louise**



**Alleluia!!
Happy Easter**

*Ressurrected Christ, by Ambrogio de
Stafano Borgognone. 1510*