

Preparation Mass for Confirmation – 24th January 2021

Entrance Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine

Lord the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus: Shine, Jesus, Shine

Fill the land with the Father's glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light

As we gaze on your kingly brightness

So our faces display your likeness

Ever changing from glory to glory

Mirrored here may our lives tell your story

Shine on me, shine on me

Introductory Rite:

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Prayer and Invitation to Sorrow

Father in heaven, I give you my heart, Forgive the wrong I have done to you and to others. Help me to make a new and honest beginning, to love you more dearly, hear you more clearly and follow you more nearly. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins & bring us to everlasting life. AMEN

GLORY

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,

we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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.

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of the Prophet Jonah
The Lord spoke to Jonah and said, “Jonah, go to that great city of Nineveh and speak to them for me.” Jonah obeyed the Lord and went to Nineveh. The city was so large that it took three days just to walk through it. After walking for a day, Jonah told the people, “Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed.” They believed God’s message and they set a time when they would all go without eating. Then everyone in the city, no matter who they were, also dressed in sackcloth. When God saw that the people had stopped doing evil things, he had pity on them and did not destroy them, as he had said.

THE WORD OF THE LORD ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Response is: To you Yahweh I lift up my soul, O my God.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John was arrested,

Jesus went to Galilee and told the good news that comes from God.

He said, “The time has come! God’s kingdom will soon be here.

Turn back to God and believe the good news!”

As Jesus was walking along the shore of Lake Galilee,

he saw Simon and his brother Andrew.

They were fishermen and were casting their nets into the lake.

Jesus said to them, “Come with me!

I will teach you how to catch people instead of fish.”

Right then the two brothers dropped their nets and went with him.

Jesus walked on and soon saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee.

They were in a boat, mending their nets.

At once Jesus asked them to come with him.

They left their father in the boat with the hired workers and went with him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;**

**He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the
dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I 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. AMEN.**

Prayer of the Faithful - Response is: Lord graciously hear us.

Offertory Hymn: Lay Your Hands

*Chorus: Lay your hands gently upon us
Let their touch render your peace
Let them bring Your forgiveness and healing
Lay your hands gently lay your hands*

Verse 1 You were sent to free the broken hearted

You were sent to give sight to the blind

You desire to heal all our illness

Lay your hands gently lay your hands.

Verse II Lord we come to You through one another

Lord we come to You in all our need

Lord we come to You seeking wholeness

Lay your hands gently lay your hands

Eucharistic prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right and just

Priest: 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 and Dermot, our Bishop-elect. 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 of power, Lord of might.

Heaven & earth are full of your glory, sing hosanna evermore.

Blest & holy, blest & holy, He who comes from God on high.

Raise your voices, sing his glory, praise His name for evermore

Priest: 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: He is Lord x 2, He is risen from the dead & He is Lord, every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord

Priest: 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 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:

Priest: Through him and with him, and in him, O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. **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.

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

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.

Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof

But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymn

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear

You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice

Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless

I am eyes for all who long to see

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, Come and rest in Me

Chorus:

Do not be afraid, I am with you

I have called you each by name

Come and follow Me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that You are present in Holy Communion.

I love You above all things and I want to receive You into my heart & soul. Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You in Holy Communion

come in a holy and prayerful way into my heart.

I welcome You as if You were already there and I unite myself to You.

Never let me to be separated from You. Amen.

Final Hymn: City of God

Verse 1: Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!

A new day is dawning for all those who weep

The people in darkness have seen a great light

The Lord of our longing has conquered the night

[Chorus] Let us build the city of God, May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our light and our love, Has turned the night into day.

Verse 2: We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day

The One who has loved us has brightened our way

Concluding Rite:

The Mass is now ended. Go in peace to love God and one another.

Thanks be to God