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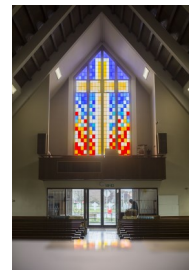
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 'B'

"Behind closed doors"

Sunday Readings ~ Yr. B
Weekday Readings ~ Yr. 1

Prayer of the Church:

Psalter: 3

Proper of the Season

NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING

SUNDAY 18th APRIL 2021

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday	17th	6.15pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Parish Benefactors	Congregation / Online
SUNDAY	18th	8.30am	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sr Hildegard's 70th Anniversary	Congregation
		10.00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Canon Gerald Rodgers RIP	Online
		5.00pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Victor Staynings RIP	Congregation
Tuesday	20th	9.30am	Weekday of Easter	Richard Sever RIP	Congregation / Online
Wednesday	21st	7.00pm	Weekday of Easter	Special Intention	Congregation / Online
Thursday	22nd	9.30am	Weekday of Easter	Holy Souls	Congregation / Online
Friday	23rd	9.30am	St George	People of the Parish	Congregation / Online
Saturday	24th	6.15pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish	Congregation / Online

Things are moving along carefully!

We have been under so many restrictions for such a long time, but please God, we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel. We have tried hard to maintain as much normality as possible here at Holy Family. Yes, there is no denying things are different, but we are able to have Masses celebrated in front of congregations as well as live streaming. Live streaming is an extra way of reaching out, especially to the housebound and those still unsure about venturing out. **BUT, it is not a replacement for actually attending Mass in person.** Now is the time to come back to actually being at Mass! We have a physically distanced Church, which is cleaned and disinfected after every Mass, we have great ventilation. (all through the winter the windows were open to make sure there was enough through flow of air ~ especially in light of the statistics that state that the virus can be found in the air for quite a time). The use of a one way system around the Church and the compulsory use of face coverings over the nose and mouth, as well as they use of hand gel, means our Church is as safe as it could possibly be. I know you still need to book to attend Mass, but that means we have a track and trace list for all those attending and we know how many are due to attend, to make sure the number of hosts for Holy Communion and prepared and sealed until Communion. I would actively encourage as many people as possible to re-start attending Mass over the weekend or maybe start with a weekday Mass. The regulations we are under, I cannot see the regulations changing a great deal for sometime to come, so we now need to make the best of what we have. We are still not reaching a full attendance at any of our Masses. Which is amazing when we used to have over 650 attending weekend Masses before the pandemic. 'Live Streamed' Mass is not a replacement for attending in person. I think now whether the Sunday Obligation is in place or not we all need to try our best to restart our attendance at Mass. *It will be a requirement for the families of our First Holy Communion children, to attend one of the Sunday Masses every week, when the course is running and not. Without attendance at Mass, the children won't be able to experience the love of Christ in his body and blood, that they are preparing for.* My friends, NOW is the time to think about making your way back to Mass in person, and if not, can you justify your reasons why not, to God. *If the demand for places grows, it will be possible to adjust Sunday Mass times to accommodate the numbers.* I hope to shortly be able to resume our previous Saturday / Sunday Mass

Times if needs require it.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU STILL NEED TO BOOK TO ATTEND MASS VIA EVENTBRITE. If you book please arrive on time, the doors close 5minutes before Mass begins. The links for Masses are below. If you cannot book via the website, please ring and leave a message at least 24 hours before the Mass and I will book you in. ***Because of our limited numbers, please DO NOT book more than 2 weeks at a time.***

YOU CAN NOW BOOK TO ATTEND MASS ON THE WEEKEND AND TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY & FRIDAY ~ Links below.

[Click here to book for Saturday 6.15pm Mass \(First Mass of Sunday\)](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/first-mass-of-sunday-615pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141812676533)

Or copy & paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/first-mass-of-sunday-615pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141812676533>

[Click here to book for Sunday 8.30am Mass](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-parish-mass-830am-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141818365549)

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-parish-mass-830am-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141818365549>

[Click here to book for Sunday 5.00pm Mass](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-mass-500pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141819805857)

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-mass-500pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141819805857>

[Click here to book for Tuesday 9.30am Mass](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tuesday-930am-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-150715091897)

Or copy & paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tuesday-930am-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-150715091897>

[Click here to book the Wednesday 7.00pm Mass](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wednesday-mass-700pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141818802857)

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wednesday-mass-700pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141818802857>

[Click here to book Thursday 9.30am Mass](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thursday-930am-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-150716106933)

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thursday-930am-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-150716106933>

[Click here to book the Friday 9.30am Mass](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/friday-1000am-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141819041571)

or copy and paste this link into your browser:

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PLEASE REMEMBER

to comply with Social Distancing '1metre + with mitigation'

DOORS OPEN 20 minutes before the Mass Time

DOORS CLOSE 5 minutes before the Mass Time ~ No entry after door is closed.

- ◆ Hand-gel must be used on entry and exit
- ◆ Face Coverings must be worn at all times in Church ~ *Proof of exemption is required.*

- ◆ Please sit on the allocated GREEN spots (*Please DO NOT move the spots*)
- ◆ (*Families may sit together, but only as many people as 'spots' in the bench.*)
 - ◆ ALL in church must sit facing forward.
- ◆ Do Not talk / Mix with anyone outside of you support bubbles in Church.
 - ◆ **There will be no toilet facilities available**
 - ◆ **the Lady Chapel is closed.**

[Click here to view the Clifton Diocesan Newsletter](#)

[Click here to see the latest newsletter from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.](#)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Those who are sick in our parish, ~ Maria O'Keefe ~ Judy Haworth ~ Jenny Dunn ~ Vanda Jones ~ Pat Sleightholme ~ Alan Marshall ~ Fr Michael Derrick D'Mello ~ Deacon David Wakefield ~ Canon Anthony Harding ~ those who are suffering from Covid 19 virus and all who are self isolating, housebound, and living in sheltered or care homes in our parish. We pray for God's healing love on them, and all those in hospital or receiving any treatment, or awaiting the results of medical tests.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD: We pray for and ask the Lord to take into his care all those who have died, those who have died recently, and those who have died as a result of the Covid 19 virus. We also pray for all those who will die alone and unloved. and unmourned. May they rest in the Lord's peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Marie Mills '91 ~ Julie Bird '95 ~ Nancy Miskella '00 ~ Leo Burke '19 ~ Hilda MacNamara '91 ~ Ann Tarling '98 ~ Ernest Atkins '82 ~ Gaetano Zullo '82 ~ Fr Nicholas McCarthy '00 ~ Fr Daniel O'Callaghan '02 ~ Fr Tony Fejer '10 ~ Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

FINANCE: *You can now donate to the Offertory Collection via Dona Donations ([Click here](#)) and also via the button' on the Home Page of the parish website 'Donate with Dona'. Donating this way also gives you the option to Gift Aid your donation. You can donate using a Debit or Credit card. There is a charge, and it is also linked to the Digital Collection Plate in the back of the Church. Thank you to all who have donated in any way, we really do need your donations to survive.*

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like a Mass celebrated for a particular intention, then you can request it by email to eugene.campbell@cliftondiocese.com. If you require a specific date, then please make sure you give as much notice as possible. The date requested cannot be guaranteed, as there may already be an 'Intention' but I will do my best to honour your request. If the date your require is an annual one, then may be you might consider booking a 'Foundation Mass' which will be booked for the date or as close to the date as possible for the next 25years. There is a cost of £250 for such Mass. For more information email Fr Eugene. If you wish to give a donation for a Mass Intention, you can do so via the paypal button on the homepage of the Parish Website www.holyfamilyrcchurchpatchway.co.uk or by dropping an envelope with the details of the Mass intention / date into the presbytery or on to the offertory basket in Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GROUP 2021: As you know we are playing 'catch-up' and after a break of a few weeks, the new course will begin **NEXT SATURDAY 24th APRIL 2021**. Details will be published shortly, as soon as we know the next stage of the lifting of lockdown. I ask you to please be patient and we will inform you of what is happening in plenty of time. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY ~ SATURDAY 16th OCTOBER 2021. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE £10 FROM THE PRESBYTERY THIS SATURDAY 10am ~ 12noon and after Mass on Saturday & Sunday THIS WEEKEND.**

Please have the correct cash available.

NORTH BRISTOL FOOD BANK ~ St Chad's Church, 172 Rodway Road, Bristol BS34 5ED , is open to receive donations every TUESDAY 12noon - 1.00pm *please note new opening time.* and you can take your donations there. Here is the updated list of items needed:- **NOODLES ~ UHT-LONG LIFE MILK ~ INSTANT MASHED POTATOES ~ SPONGE PUDDINGS ~ TINNED VEGETABLES ~ RICE ~ TINNED FRUIT ~ MALE DEODORANT. They have plenty of tinned Beans / tinned soup and Pasta. If you are isolating or unable to get your physical donations to the food bank you can donate via your mobile phone: **To donate £5 Text FOODBANKGIFT 5 to 70085 or £10 to FOODBANKGIFT 10 TO 70085 or £20 FOODBANKGIFT 20 to 70085****

THE SANCTUARY OF LOURDES – We have heard from the Rector of the sanctuary that due to the unfortunate new lockdown in France, they are still not able to accept pilgrimages. So, until visitors from outside the local area are allowed, the chaplains will be offering Masses and Rosaries throughout the day which can be viewed either on their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> or on their You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/LourdesWebTV> or on your smart TV You Tube app. The rector is inviting all our intentions and petitions which again can be requested through their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/> . This is a difficult time for all of us, but please pray for the local people of Lourdes, along with the Chaplains and those who serve at the shrine. The Rector assures us of his prayers.

SITUATION VACANT ~ Head Teacher ~ Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Stoke Lodge.

Start date: 1st September 2021

Hours: Full time

Salary: Leadership £55,338 - £64,143 per annum - salary within this pay range only, to be agreed at interview

Roll: 191

The Governing Body of Holy Family RC Primary School, Patchway, are seeking to appoint a Head Teacher from September 2021

We are looking for a Head Teacher who is an inspirational and aspirational suitably qualified practising Catholic to lead and uphold the strong Catholic identity of the school. An individual who can demonstrate excellent communication skills and the ability to continue our high expectations for the development and achievement of every child.

We need a Head Teacher who has strategic insight, can explore improvements and challenge thinking to develop effective ways to impact progress and attainment as well as possessing:

- A commitment to the strong Catholic values that underpin our school
- A good understanding of the Primary curriculum, including EYFS, KS1 and KS2
- An inclusive approach using challenge and support, to provide inspirational leadership
- Expertise and understanding to develop and support our outstanding staff; being committed to quality CPD for all
- A positive role model that values and endorses exemplary behaviour and is approachable for all staff, children and parents
- An understanding of financial probity and the ability to steward resources carefully through sustainable planning and practice
- A desire to strengthen positive relationships with staff, parents, the parish and the wider community
- An experience of current Safeguarding legislation and best practice to ensure that all children learn in a safe and secure environment

We can offer you a warm welcome to our friendly Catholic community:

- Confident and enthusiastic children who enjoy learning and see faith as an integral part of that journey.
- Professional, hard-working and dedicated staff who go the extra mile to achieve the best outcomes for our children.
- A committed and supportive Governing Body with good communication skills, a competent skill set and a shared vision to continue moving the school forward in its next stage of

development

- The support of the Parish Priest and the community
- A commitment to support your induction and your on-going professional development

Key information

Head Teacher required from: September 1st 2021 **Closing date for applicants: April 19th 2021**

Shortlisting: April 27th 2021 **Interviews will take place on: May 20th and 21st 2021**

To learn more about us and to support you with your application, we invite you to look at our Head Teacher information pack. [Click here to be taken to the advert on e-teach.](#)

Safeguarding: Holy Family RC Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and they expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Reference checks will be carried out prior to interview.

SITUATION VACANT ~ Head Teacher ~ St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bradley Stoke

Start date: 1st September 2021

Hours: Full time

Salary: Leadership £58,135 - £67,1364 per annum - salary within this pay range only, to be agreed at interview

An exciting opportunity has arisen in the form of a Headteacher vacancy at the highly regarded St. Mary's Catholic Primary School in the Clifton Diocese.

- ♦ The Governing Body are looking to appoint an outstanding leader with the passion to continue to move the school forward and set the highest of standards and aspirations for the children's education and development.
- ♦ With this child-centred approach, we'd expect the successful candidate to motivate and develop all staff to enable them to be consistently outstanding and achieve their objectives, whilst ensuring parents feel fully engaged and involved in all aspects of school life. The applicant is expected to be both highly organised and skilled in communication, capable of delivering the strategic development of the school through both their own vision and the local partnerships with other schools, via written, face-to-face and virtual communication.
- ♦ The Governing Body believe the Headteacher should inspire the entire community while in turn receiving inspiration and motivation from those working in close collaboration around them.
- ♦ St. Mary's is truly a family school and we are looking for someone who will be an integral part of that family and who can make a real difference in the lives of those around them.
- ♦ It is mandatory that any applicant is a committed practising Catholic with a clear vision on embodiment of Catholic Education within a Primary School environment, cherishing and supporting the strong Catholic ethos within the school.
- ♦ The successful candidate will need to sign the South Gloucestershire contract which incorporates the faith terms.
- ♦ St. Mary's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an Enhanced DBS clearance.
- ♦ References will be taken up for all shortlisted candidates prior to interview.
- ♦ Relocation Assistance: Where a successful candidate has significant relocation involved, a small level of assistance for relocation costs may be available at the discretion of the Governing Body.

School visits, whether virtual or in real time, will be in accordance with current COVID-19 guidelines and are welcomed by mutual arrangement.

Closing date for applications 23rd April 2021

Sharing the Word of God today

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: (Acts 3:13-15. 17-19) *This part of Peter's sermon after he and John had cured a crippled beggar at the Temple. Peter confronts the people with their part in the death of Jesus. However, he goes on to excuse them on the grounds that they acted in ignorance. In this he may have been inspired by the dying prayer of Jesus: 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.' He highlights the goodness and innocence of Jesus. Then he proclaims the resurrection and urges them to repent, assuring them that if they do, their sins will be wiped out.*

Second Reading: (1 John 2:1-5) *Here John says that authentic love of God is proved by obedience to his commandments. Nevertheless, he anticipates that the Christian will fail. In that case we have in Jesus an advocate who will plead our cause.*

Gospel Reading: (Lk 24:35-48) *This passage comes immediately after the story of Emmaus. It completes Luke's appearance stories. It closely resembles John's appearance story (20:19-23). the location is the same - the upper room. Jesus' greeting is the same. There is the same emphasis on the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection. And Jesus gives the disciples a mission - the proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus shows the apostles his hands and his feet and invites them to touch him. Thus Luke makes it clear that the risen Jesus is not simply a spirit. But what is unique is Luke's emphasis on the scriptures. It was only by combining various passages from the prophets that the early Christians came to accept the idea that a suffering Messiah was part of God's plan of salvation. Hence, Luke has the risen Lord showing the disciples how the scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and so enter into his glory. One theme occurs in all three readings: forgiveness is available to those who repent and believe in Jesus as their Saviour.*

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

*Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ be our light!.....**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Christ be our light!.....**

The Gospel shows the apostles locked in upper room. But the risen Jesus appears to them, and brings them peace and joy. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we relive the experience of the apostles on the evening of Easter when the risen Lord appeared to them and greeted them with the words, 'Peace be with you.'

Lord Jesus, with the gift of your peace you calm our troubled minds and ease our fearful hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

Through your gracious forgiveness you enable us walk in the joy and freedom of the children of God. Christ, have mercy.

You are the good shepherd leading us to the green pastures of eternal life. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God Amen.

Pershere ~ Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God heav'nly King, O God, almighty Father.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

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, have mercy on us;

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

You are seated at the right hand of the father,
have mercy on us.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

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.

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OPENING PRAYER

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.' The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him. The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.' The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily

Creed

Offertory Hymn

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love:
taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken; words of one who died:
'Take my body, take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.

Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
as He promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.'

'Take my body....

Through the Father, with the Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
for God's people, joined in prayer,
faith is strengthened by the food we share.

'Take my body....

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, 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.

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free**

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace

You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus, you're the one I love,

You're the one I know.

You're the one who makes me strong,

Spirit in my soul.

From the clouds of yesterday,

Through the night of pain,

Teach me, Lord, to know your way

Know it once again.

Refrain

Bread, blessed and broken for us all;

Symbol of Your love from the grain so tall.

Bread, blessed and broken for us all;

Bread of life you give to us, bread of life for all.

May the bread we break today,
May the cup we share,
Lift the burdens of our hearts,
Lift them ev'rywhere.
Passing on to each of us,
A measure of your love
Love to make us whole again,
As we share your Word.
Bread, blessed and broken for us all.....
Jesus, you're the one I love;
you're the one I know.
You're the one who makes me strong,
Spirit in my soul.

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In this time of COVID-19, we pray:
When we are unsure, O God, help us be calm;
when information comes from all sides, accurate and false,
help us to discern;
when fear makes it hard to breathe,
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,
slow us down, God;
help us to reach out with our hearts, when we can't touch with our hands;
help us to be socially connected, when we have to be socially distant;
help us to love as perfectly as we can, knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."
For the doctors, we pray, for the nurses, we pray,
for the caregivers, the technicians and the caretakers and the
cleaners and keyworkers, we pray, for the researchers and the epidemiologists
and for those developing vaccines, we pray,
for those who are sick, and those who are grieving, we pray,
for all who are affected, all around the world...
we pray for safety, for health, for wholeness.
May we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,
clothe the naked and house those without homes;
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,
and may we do all that we can to heal
the sick— in spite of the pandemic, in spite of the fear.
Help us, O God, that we might help each other. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal
thee the Lord of Lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.