

Whole School Mass *18th May*



Ascension Day Mass

‘After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.’ (Mark 16)

Entrance hymn-

Give me Joy in my Heart

1 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Keep me praising till the break of day.

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!**

2 Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Keep me resting till the break of day.

3 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Keep me serving till the break of day.

Welcome by Father Joseph

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your spirit**

Introduction read by

For forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of Jesus, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death.

He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven. This is a celebration, of Jesus' departure in glory but also for the mission which he left to his Church.

The final words or instructions a person leaves before they go are always remembered. We remember Jesus' final words and instructions to his Church, 'go and spread the good news'.

Procession of the gifts

We bring brightly coloured flowers reminding us of the joy of Easter.

We bring a globe. Jesus instructs his disciples to spread the good news around the world.

We bring a copy of our Mission Statement. May we think about our mission statement as we gather together today. Inspired by St Joseph we live, love and learn together.

Penitential act

Priest: *Lord Jesus, you invite us to love you more deeply.*

LORD HAVE MERCY.

Lord Jesus, you call us to turn to you always.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Lord Jesus, you offer compassion and forgiveness.

LORD HAVE MERCY.

Opening prayer read by Father Joseph

Loving God, draw us back to you. Deepen our love for you each day.

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life. Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading Read by

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going

to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

*The word of the Lord –**Thanks be to God***

Psalm 91 Sung- Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

Refrain

For to His angels He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Stand to greet the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation (Singing 'Will You Join the Circle' with actions)

Join the Circle

Will you join the circle?
Come and take my hand
Come and join the circle
Come and be my friend
Gather round and see, what the world can be
Come and join the circle
Come and share God's words with me

THE GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Gospel Reading Mark

This reading comes from Mark's Gospel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Homily

Prayers of Intercession Read by

Make us and all your people open to the gifts God pours upon us, that we may use them to your glory, and the building up of the body of Christ. Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Grant that we may know even in this time the things that make for peace, and may strive for the reconciliation of all people in his kingdom of justice and love. Lord, in

your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Grant that we may be so aware of his presence with us, that people may take note of us, that we have been with Jesus. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We ask Mary our Mother, to pray for us and with us as we say: **Hail Mary...**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Bind Us Together lord

BIND US TOGETHER, Lord,
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together,
Bind us together with love.

There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing:

Refrain

Made for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Son;
Born with the right to be clean,
For Jesus the victory has won.

Refrain

You are the family of God,
You are the promise divine;
You are God's chosen desire,
You are the glorious new wine.

Priest: Pray, brethren that our sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

**All: Holy, holy, holy 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.**

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until
you come again.**

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

**Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
On the 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**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
As we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever, Amen

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and
graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your
will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Hymn- Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt true faith in You

**Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul**

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

All: 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. (Kneel)

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: 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

FATHER I PLACE INTO YOUR HANDS

Father, I place into your hands
The things I cannot do,
Father, I place into your hands
The things that I've been through.
Father, I place into your hands
The way that I should go,
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, I place into your hands
My friends and family.
Father, I place into your hands
The things that trouble me.
Father, I place into your hands
The person I would be,
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, we love to see your face,
We love to hear your voice.
Father, we love to sing your praise
And in your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with you
And in your presence rest,
For we know we always can trust you.

Father, I want to be with you
And do the things you do.
Father, I want to speak the words
That you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
That you will draw to you,
For I know that I am one with you

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessings which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

COMMUNION REFLECTION AND PRAYER

COMMUNION REFLECTION PRAYER, READ BY

Dear Lord Jesus Christ,
Right before your Ascension into heaven you told your disciples to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father! Amen

LORD OF MERCY AND LOVE, WE THANK YOU FOR NOURISHING US WITH THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS. HELP US TO LIVE THE GOOD NEWS.

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen.**
Priest: Go in the peace.
All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn- Freely, Freely

*He said freely, freely,
You have received
Freely, freely give
Go in My name
And because you believe
Others will know that I live*

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to