



## **Sunday Eucharist**

**RE Congress**

**Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 2011**

*Bowl of water is placed in the sacred space.....this water will be blessed.....*

*Procession of Candle, Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of the Word, Fr. Ger Godley*

### ***Gathering Rite***

#### **Entrance Hymn *Though We Are Many* (Bernard Sexton)**

Though we are many, we are one body,  
we who come to share this living bread;  
Cup of salvation, shared among all nations,  
nourishing us now and evermore.

1. We gather in this place round the table of the Lord.  
Christ's presence is revealed in our communion and his Living Word.
2. Now our communion recalls Christ's death and resurrection.  
This living sacrifice is our salvation now and evermore.
3. And through this shared Eucharist we are the living Church.  
We witness to Christ's love His living body active in our world.

### **Introduction**

#### **Penitential Rite – blessing and sprinkling with water**

Reader: Water is the source of life....  
..in baptism, we are plunged into water  
blessed into becoming members of the Christian family....  
..as we come to church, we bless ourselves with holy water....  
..on Holy Saturday, we bless the Easter water.....  
in our own localities, we make pilgrimages to holy wells ....  
Water is the source of life.....

## **Blessing of Water**

**Presider:** Dear friends,  
this water will be used to remind us of our baptism.  
Let us ask God to bless it  
and to keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.

Lord God almighty, creator of all life, of body and soul,  
we ask you to bless + this water;  
as we use it in faith, forgive our sins,  
and save us from all illness and the power of evil.

Lord in your mercy,  
give us living water,  
always springing up as a fountain of salvation;  
free us, body and soul from every danger,  
and admit us into your presence in purity of heart.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

**Presider:** May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,  
and through the eucharist we celebrate  
make us worthy to sit at his table in his heavenly kingdom.

**All:** **Amen**

*Presider then blesses the people*

**Gloria:** **Latin Gloria**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Presider:** Let us pray in quiet for the grace of sincerity  
Father in heaven, the hand of your loving kindness  
powerfully yet gently guides all the moments of our day.  
Go before us in our pilgrimage of life,  
anticipate our needs and prevent our falling.  
Send your spirit to unity us in faith,  
that sharing in your service, we may rejoice in your presence.  
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ your Son.

**All:** **Amen**

## *Liturgy of the Word*

**First Reading**                Isaiah 25:6 - 10

**Responsorial Psalm**        Ps 22  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

**Second Reading**            Phil 4:12 – 14, 19-20

**Gospel Acclamation**        Alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel**                         Matthew 22:1-14

## **Homily**

### **Profession of Faith - Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Faithful**

**Priest:**    Lord, you gather us Sunday after Sunday  
to be nourished and formed into community  
by the Word and by the Bread of Life.  
We present to you our needs:

**Reader:**    For leaders of Church and State, that they may be led by Christ's example...*Lord  
hear us*

**Reader:**    For all of us, that we may trust in God's word... *Lord hear us*

Reader: For all people, that they may know themselves as God's beloved.. *Lord, hear us*

Reader: Go mbeimid in ann ar súile a oscailt do Dhia, ata in lathair ionainn treana ghrasta,  
and ligint do ar saol a rialú tréna mhaitheas. *A Thiarna éist linn*

Reader: For all who seek to share the Good News...that they may be led by the Spirit  
.....*Lord, hear us*

Reader: For all who have made this time of nourishment and renewal possible.... *Lord hear  
us*

**Priest:** Lord, you said that we do not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Hear our needs, and give us the courage to trust in your Word.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

*Altar is prepared - Instrumental music is played during the procession and preparation*

### **Preface**

**Presider:** It is truly right to give you thanks,  
it is fitting that we offer you praise,  
Father of mercy, faithful God.

You sent Jesus Christ your Son among us  
as redeemer and Lord.  
He was moved with compassion  
for the poor and the powerless, for the sick and the sinner;  
he made himself neighbour to the oppressed.  
By his words and actions he proclaimed to the world  
that you care for us as a father cares for his children.  
And so, with all the angels and saints  
we sing the joyful hymn of your praise:

*All sing: 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.*

**Presider:** You are truly blessed, O God of holiness:  
you accompany us with love as we journey through life.  
Blessed too is your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who is present among us  
and whose love gathers us together.  
As once he did for his disciples,  
Christ now opens the scriptures for us and breaks the bread.

Great and merciful Father,  
we ask you to send down your Holy Spirit  
to hallow these gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may become for us  
the body + and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

On the eve of his passion and death,  
while at table with those he loved,  
he took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup;  
again he gave you thanks and,  
handing the cup to his disciples, he said:  
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:  
this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you and for all  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All sing:** *When we eat this bread, and drink this cup.....*

**Presider:** And so, Father most holy,  
we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son,  
whom you led through suffering and death on the cross  
to the glory of the resurrection and a place at your right hand.  
Until Jesus, our Saviour, comes again,  
we proclaim the work of your love,  
and we offer you the bread of life and the cup of eternal blessing.

Look with favour on the offering of your Church  
in which we show forth the paschal sacrifice of Christ  
entrusted to us.

Through the power of your Spirit of love  
include us now and for ever  
among the members of your Son,  
whose body and blood we share.

Lord, perfect your Church in faith and love  
together with Benedict our Pope, Bill our bishop,  
with all bishops, priests, and deacons,  
and all those your Son has gained for you.

Open our eyes to the needs of all;  
inspire us with words and deeds  
to comfort those who labour and are burdened;  
keep our service of others faithful  
to the example and command of Christ.

Let your Church be a living witness  
to truth and freedom, to justice and peace,  
that all people may be lifted up  
by the hope of a world made new.

Be mindful of our brothers and sisters,  
who have fallen asleep in the peace of Christ,  
and all the dead whose faith only you can know.  
Lead them to the fullness of the resurrection  
and gladden them with the light of your face.

When our pilgrimage on earth is complete,  
welcome us into your heavenly home,  
where we shall dwell with you for ever.  
There, with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,  
with the apostles, the martyrs,  
Saint Brendan, and all the saints,  
we shall praise you and give you glory  
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

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

*All sing:*     **Amen.**

### **Communion Rite**

*All say:*     **Ár nAthar**

## Sign of Peace

All sing: 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.

## Communion Hymns:

- **Shepherd of My Heart (Francis Patrick O'Brien)**

My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want;  
Green are the pastures where I'm led to repose  
Near waters still and deep God will refresh my soul  
I am led onward in ways true to the Name

**Guide me O shepherd of my heart;**

**Lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting day.**

**Show me the way of truth and light, keep me always in your sight.**

**May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart.**

If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness  
No evil shall I fear with God at my side.  
There with my crook and staff you give me strength and comfort  
You spread a banquet in the sight of my foes

You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing;  
Goodness and kindness crown the days of my life  
Within the Lord's own house I dwell in peace forever;  
Within the house of God my soul is at rest.

- **To Follow You (Chris da Silva)**

Who are you God? And who am I?  
What are you calling me to be?  
When I listen to my heart I can hear you whisper,  
Asking me lovingly to come and follow you.

**Here I am; did I hear you call my name?**

**Here I am as you will.**

**Speak my God, I am ready to begin.**

**Here I am, I come to follow you.**

I've travelled long and far to follow,  
A stranger and a pilgrim in this world.  
Sometimes I wonder what this journey will bring,  
Guide me, faithfully to find a home in you.

My heart sings of the love that I've found in you,  
A love that dwells in all of your creation,  
Sometimes I wonder what tomorrow brings.  
Give me the grace to love and to be faithful: to be more like you.

This is what I want, this is what I seek, this is what I desire with all my heart.

### *Closing Rite*

#### **Renewal of Commitment**

Presider: On the day of your baptism,  
you committed yourself to Jesus,  
the stone the builders rejected.

Will you be a living stone  
on whom we, as a faith community, can depend,  
building a church where all may hear the Good News?

**All: Yes, I will!**  
**I take courage in Peter**  
**who was sometimes a stumbling block,**  
**yet on whom the Lord built his Church.**

Presider: In baptism, you were plunged  
into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection?

Will you proclaim the acts of God  
who called you out of darkness  
into his own wondrous light,  
to all those to whom you are sent,  
to all those who wish to work with you  
and to all who will cross your path on your journey?

**All: Yes, I will!**  
**I will try to become more like Jesus Christ,**  
**nourished by word and sacrament,**  
**available to share the Good News with all.**

Presider: In baptism, you were consecrated to God.  
You are now sent to serve God  
in the here and now,  
in this place,  
and at this time....

May the Lord who began this good work in you  
see that it is truly finished when the Day of Jesus comes.

**All: AMEN**

*Participants are invited to come forward and to take with them a footprint, symbol of their willingness to share the good news as they journey from this place*

### **Dismissal**

Presider Through the resurrection of his Son  
God has redeemed you and made you his children.  
May he bless you with joy.

**All: Amen**

Presider: The Redeemer has given you lasting freedom.  
May you inherit his everlasting life.

**All: Amen**

Presider: By faith you rose with him in baptism.  
May your lives be holy,  
so that you will be united with him for ever.

**All: Amen**

Presider: May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

## **Recessional Hymn**

### **God's Spirit Is In My Heart (Alan Dale & H.J. Richards)**

God's spirit is in my heart,  
He has called me and set me apart  
This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

**He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,  
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
Tell blind people that they can see,  
And set the downtrodden free  
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come,  
And go tell everyone the news that God's Kingdom has come.**

Just as the Father sent me,  
So I'm sending you out to be  
My witnesses throughout the world,  
The whole of the world

Don't worry what you have to say,  
Don't worry because on that day  
God's spirit will speak in your heart,  
Will speak in your heart