

SAINT MARY'S OPEN DOOR 16TH MAY 2021

Gathering and welcome

Opening verses

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. John 20.19,20

Opening prayer

God our Father, you are with *us* today. In our homes, in our streets and in our church, in our schools, in our shops and in the fields, in our minds, in our hearts and all around us, you are with us; we come with thanks and praise this morning. **Amen.**

Song 1

Come on and celebrate His gift of love, we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us and gave us life
We'll shout your praise oh king,
You give us joy nothing else can bring
We bring to you our offering of celebration praise
Come on and celebrate,
Celebrate, celebrate and sing
Celebrate and sing to the king

Song 2 (from Psalm 42)

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my hearts desire
and I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold and silver
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And on You I can rely

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are the King
I love You more than any other
So much more than any thing

We confess our sins

Lord when we fail to see your presence in the world you have created

forgive and heal us

When we fail to see your presence in those we see as different from us

forgive and heal us

When we fail to see your presence in those we know and love

forgive and heal us

When we prefer the safety of things that are familiar

forgive us and help us to embrace the adventure of faith Amen

We receive God's forgiveness

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his son to be our Saviour, forgive our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

A prayer for today

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Bible reading and Talk: Jonah - Archdeacon Alex Hughes

Prayers for others

Song 3

From heaven you came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not My will but Yours, ' He said

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

So let us learn how to serve

And in our lives enthrone him
Each others needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving.

Let us affirm our faith in God

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love

We believe in God the Holy Spirit who strengthens us with power from on high

We believe in one God Father Son and Holy Spirit Amen

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's prayer **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver**

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

Amen

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one bread

(Please stay in your seats as we share Holy Communion)

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song 4

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon He has offered
Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen!
It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross

The Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among and remain with you always **Amen**

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