

**Evening Prayer 5th May, 2021 Wednesday of the 5th week of Eastertide
at 5.00 pm online www.donnybrook.parish.ie**

Luna is placed in the Monstrance. Tantum Ergo

ALL: Lord, open our lips. *And we shall praise your name.*

HYMN: Praise to the Lord The Almighty

Psalm 94 (95) “Every day, as long as this ‘today’ lasts, keep encouraging one another” (Heb 3:13)

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the God who saves us.
Let us come before him giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

A mighty God is the Lord, a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his.
To him belongs the sea, for he made it, and the dry land shaped by his hands.

Come in, let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led
by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.

For forty years I was wearied of these people and I said: “Their hearts are astray,
these people do not know my ways.”
Then I took an oath in my anger: “Never shall they enter my rest.”

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

ALL: *The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*

Psalm 26 (27):1-6 Keeping faith in time of peril

God has exalted him at his own right hand as leader and Saviour.
Alleluia

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

When evil-doers draw near to devour my flesh, it is they,
my enemies and foes, who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me my heart would not fear.
Though war break out against me even then would I trust.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

For there he keeps me safe in his tent in the day of evil.
He hides me in the shelter of his tent, on a rock he sets me safe.

And now my head shall be raised above my foes who surround me and I
shall offer within his tent a sacrifice of joy. I will sing and make music for the
Lord.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in
the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALL: God has exalted him at his own right hand as leader and Saviour.
Alleluia

Psalm 26 (27): 7-14

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Alleluia

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken: 'seek his face'.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my help!
Though father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

Instruct me Lord in your way; on an even path lead me.
When they lie in ambush protect me from the enemy's greed.
False witnesses rise against me, breathing out fury.

I am sure I will see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living,
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

ALL: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Alleluia

Psalm-Prayer

Father, you protect and strengthen those who hope in you; you heard the cry of your Son and kept him safe in your tent in the day of evil. Grant that your servants who seek your face in times of trouble may see your goodness in the land of the living.

Canticle (Colossians 1)

Christ, firstborn of all creatures and firstborn from the dead

From him, through him and in him are all things that exist: to him be glory for ever. Alleluia.

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALL: *From him, through him and in him are all things that exist: to him be glory for ever. Alleluia.*

Short Reading

Hebrews 7:24-27

Jesus, because he remains *for ever*, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because Jesus Christ our Lord has done this once and for all by offering himself.

Short Responsory

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia alleluia.

- *The disciples rejoiced*, alleluia, alleluia.

They saw the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

- *The disciples rejoiced*, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- *The disciples rejoiced*, alleluia, alleluia.

Most Merciful Jesus

Most Merciful Jesus, You are all-knowing. Nothing is beyond Your sight. You are all-loving. Nothing in my life is beyond Your concern. You are all-powerful. Nothing is beyond your grace. Amen.

“When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now” – Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Time for Reflection, personal Prayer and Hymns before Our Lord present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Hymns during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

- 1. Be Still my Soul*
- 2. Be Not Afraid*
- 3. Here Am I, Lord*
- 4. O Lord My God! When I in Awesome Wonder*
- 5. Hail Queen of Heaven*

O Blood and water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, We trust in you.

Eternal Father, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion - inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

O St. Joseph, you are a man greatly favoured by the Most High. The angel of the Lord appeared to you in dreams while you slept, to warn you and guide you as you cared for the Holy Family. You were both silent and strong, a loyal and courageous protector.

Dear St. Joseph, as you rest in the Lord, confident in his absolute power and goodness, look upon us. Please take our needs into your heart and present them to your Son. Help us then, good St. Joseph, to hear the voice of God, to arise and to act with love. We praise and thank God with joy. St. Joseph, we love you. **Amen.**

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, in your kindness heal the sick and receive the dying. Counsel the doubtful, console the despairing and let all hearts come to rest in you.

Come Holy Spirit, take possession of our hearts and enkindle in our hearts the fire of your Divine Love. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to Christ, who rose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Response: ALL: Ever living Christ, hear us.

Lord, remember those who are consecrated to your service; may they set before your holy people the example of their lives.

ALL: Ever living Christ, hear us.

Lord, grant all who govern and are in authority your spirit of justice and peace.

ALL: Ever living Christ, hear us.

Lord, we praise and thank you for the beauty and goodness of creation around us, grant that people everywhere become more caring towards the environment in which we live.

ALL: Ever living Christ, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayers for those who are sick. Amid physical and mental suffering, may they find consolation in your healing presence.

ALL: Ever living Christ, hear us

Lord, we remember all who have died, welcome them into your heavenly kingdom. Grant peace to their bereaved families and friends.

ALL: Ever living Christ, hear us.

Prayer to Mary, Mother of Compassion.

O Holy Virgin, cast a look of pity upon all who struggle against life's difficulties. Have pity on all who have been separated from those they love. Have pity on the lonely and friendless. Have pity on those whom we love. O Holy Mother, show a mother's compassion toward the sorrowful and those who tremble under life's afflictions. Give them hope and peace. Amen

CANTICLE OF MARY Magnificat (All stand and recite together)

My Soul rejoices in the Lord

ALL: *If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for what you will and shall have it. Alleluia.*

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness,
henceforth all ages will call be blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
On those who fear him

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
He sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

ALL: *If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for what you will and you shall have it. Alleluia*

Let us pray to God in the words our Father gave us:

ALL: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name

The Divine Praises

ALL: Blessed be God

Blessed be His Holy Name

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man

Blessed be the name of Jesus

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart

Blessed be his Most Precious Blood

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar

Blessed be the Holy Spirit the Paraclete

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse

Blessed be God in his Angels and in His Saints. Amen

Luna is reposed back into the Tabernacle. Hymn: O Sacrament Most Holy

Concluding Prayer

Lord God, you love innocent of heart, and when it is lost you alone can restore it. Turn then our hearts to you, and kindle in them the fire of your Spirit so that we may be steadfast in faith and unwearied in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** Our Lady, Queen of Peace, **Pray for us.** St. Joseph, Our Powerful Protector and Intercessor, **Pray for us.**

May Our Lord bless us, and keep us all from every evil and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: Queen of the May (Frank Patterson)