

**Evening Prayer Wednesday 22nd March, 2023
4th Week of Lent**

At 5.00 pm in Church and online www.donnybrookparish.ie

Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

ALL RECITE: Psalm 66 (67)

O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts.

O God be gracious and bless us, let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon the earth and all nations learn your
saving help.

Let the peoples praise you, O God: Let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and exult, for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its fruit for God, our God has blessed us.
May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere
him.

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

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.

O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts.

ALL RECITE Psalm 138 (139):1-12

How wonderful is this knowledge of yours that you have shown me, Lord.

O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar.

You mark when I walk and lie down, all my ways lie open to you.

Before ever a word is on my tongue you know it, O Lord, through and through. Behind and before you besiege me, your hand ever laid upon me.

Too wonderful for me this knowledge, too high, beyond my reach.

O where can I go from your spirit, or where can I flee from your face?

If I climb the heavens, you are there. If I lie in the grave, you are there.

If I take the wings of the dawn and dwell at the sea's furthest end, even there your hand would lead me, your right hand would hold me fast.

If I say: "Let the darkness hide me and the light around me be night," even darkness is not dark for you and the night is as clear as the day.

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.

How wonderful is this knowledge of yours that you have shown me, Lord.

ALL RECITE Psalm 138 (139):13-18, 23-24

I am the Lord, who test the mind and heart; I give each what their conduct deserves

For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and moulded in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw all my actions, they were all of them written in your book; Every one of my days were decreed before one of them came into being.

To me, how mysterious your thoughts, the sum of them not to be numbered! If I count them, they are more than the sand; to finish, I must be eternal, like you.

O search me, God, and know my heart. O test me and know my thoughts. See that I follow not the wrong path and lead me in the path of life eternal.

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.

I am the Lord, who test the mind and heart; I give each what their conduct deserves.

Reader Reads Psalm-Prayer

You watch over heaven and earth, Lord Jesus. Your death brought light to the dead; your resurrection gave joy to the saints; your ascension made the angels rejoice. Your power exceeds all power. Lead us to life eternal and watch over us with your love. May your friends be filled with honour and join you in heaven.

ALL RECITE Canticle (Colossians 1)

All things were created in him and he holds all things in being.

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 things were created in him and he holds all things in being.

Reader Reads Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:12-15

Work for your salvation in fear and trembling, for it is God, for his own loving purpose, who puts both the will and the action into you. Do all that has to be done without complaining or arguing and then you will be innocent and genuine, you will be children of God.

Reader Leads Short Responsory

I said: 'Lord, have mercy on me.'

- *I said: 'Lord, have mercy on me.'*

'Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.'

- *I said: 'Lord, have mercy on me.'*

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

- *I said: 'Lord, have mercy on me.'*

Annemarie:

Dear Lord, help us to love you with everything we have and everything we are.

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

Hymns:

- 1. Mary Immaculate**
- 2. O Lord, I Am Not Worthy**
- 3. He is Lord**
- 4. Change My Heart**
- 5. You Are My Hiding Place**

ALL Dear Lord, help us to know you more deeply so that we can love you more truly.

ALL: Prayer to St. Joseph

(Foster Father of Jesus, Patron of the Church, Patron of a Holy Death)

O Saint 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**

ALL RECITE CANTICLE OF MARY Magnificat.

I can do nothing by myself; I can judge only as I am told to judge and my judgement is just, says the Lord.

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.

I can do nothing by myself; I can judge only as I am told to judge and my judgement is just, says the Lord.

Reader Leads**INTERCESSIONS**

To God be honour and glory. He has sealed the new covenant in the blood of Christ and renews it in the sacrament of the altar. In confidence we pray:

- *Lord, bless your people.*

Lord, renew the spirit of service in those who have left all to follow Christ, may the holiness of your Church be revealed in their lives. Touch the hearts of many to offer themselves in priesthood, religious life and service in your Church.

- *Lord, bless your people.*

Lord, we pray for all who are sick and for those who take care of them. For those who have lost all hope, who are depressed, anxious or worried. Calm their fears and embrace them with your merciful love.

- *Lord, bless your people.*

Lord, we pray for all our faithful departed, let perpetual light shine upon them and grant them eternal rest. – *Lord, bless your people.*

Let us pray in the words Our Lord gave us:

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name ...

To Mary, Our Mother we pray: Hail Mary, Full of Grace ...

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to you.

READER LEADS The Divine Praises

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 in the Tabernacle. O Sacrament Most Holy ...

ALL: Concluding Prayer: Lord, you crown the merits of the saints and pardon sinners when they repent. Forgive us our sins, now that we come before you, humbly confessing our guilt. 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 and Mother of the Church, *Pray for us.*

St. Joseph, *Pray for us.*

St. Michael the Archangel, *Pray for us.*

ALL: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and grant us his peace. Amen.

Hymn: The Lord Bless You And Keep You (Aled Jones and Russell Watson)