



Mass of St Patrick for Schools

17 March 2022

Introductory Rites

(All stand)

Entrance Hymn

Greeting and Welcome

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

All: Amen.

Priest: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Rite

Priest: Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You have poured out on your people the spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on Earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the father.
Amen, amen. *(sung)*

Collect

Priest: Let us pray.
O God, who chose the Bishop Saint Patrick
to preach your glory to the peoples of Ireland,
grant, through his merits and intercession,
that those who glory in the name of Christian
may never cease to proclaim your wondrous deeds to all.
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.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

(All sit)

First Reading

Jeremiah 1: 4–9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.'
I said, 'Ah, Lord, I do not know how to speak: I am a child!'
But the Lord replied,
'Do not say "I am a child".
Go now to those to whom I send you
and say whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to protect you –
it is the Lord who speaks!'
Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me:
'There! I am putting my words into your mouth.'
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 116. R. Mark 16: 15

(R.) Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Acts of the Apostles 13: 46–49

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly to the Jews, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

"I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth."

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 4:18-19

(All stand)

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor,
and freedom to prisoners.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

Priest: The Lord be with you!

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.

Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house.

Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you."

But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the Kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

(All sit)

The Profession of Faith (Creed)

Prayers of Intercession

Priest: St Patrick lived a life of faith and hope. In his darkest times he called upon God for comfort and support – confident in God’s love. We too can speak to God, knowing God listens and responds with great love, and so we turn to God now with our prayers.

Reader 1: We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Peter, our bishops and all who lead our Church. May St Patrick be their inspiration to live as examples of true discipleship in our world. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for all our leaders who make decisions that affect our world. May they be inspired by St Patrick to lead their people in peace and to make good decisions to ensure there is true justice for all. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for ourselves gathered today. May we be inspired by St Patrick to hear God’s call to change our world through our prayers and everyday actions. Help us to live as Jesus taught us in the gospels. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for all our teachers and parents. May they be inspired by St Patrick, who brought the Word of God to a whole nation. May we learn to treasure the gift of faith as something precious that has been entrusted to us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for those who are sick, lonely, lost or troubled. May they be comforted by our care and feel your loving arms around them in their time of need. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 6: We pray for the school communities of the Archdiocese. May they be inspired to bring about the reign of God and a just and fair community in Melbourne. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God, our loving Father, hear the prayers of your people. With the help of St Patrick, guide us to be your loving and merciful followers. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

(All sit)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Reflection hymn or music

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
(All stand)

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 Offerings

Priest: Rejoicing in the gift of faith, O Lord,
we bring you these offerings;
grant that, through the prayers and example of
St Patrick, our lives may be united to Christ, our Saviour,
in a holy sacrifice of praise.
Through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

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.

Preface of Holy Pastors

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For, as on the festival of Saint Patrick you bid your Church rejoice,
so, too, you strengthen her by the example of his holy life,
teach her by his words of preaching,
and keep her safe in answer to his prayers.
And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,
we sing the hymn of your praise,
as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy

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.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

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

All: Amen.

Great Amen *(sung)*

Communion Rite

(All stand)

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on 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, we pray, from every evil.
Graciously grant 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.**

Sign of Peace

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.

Lamb of God

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

(All 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 Hymns

Prayer after Communion

(All stand)

Priest: Receiving, Almighty Father,
the Body and Blood of your Son,
we have known a foretaste of the heavenly banquet;
grant that, in communion with Saint Patrick
and all our forebears in faith,
we may be true to your commandments on earth
and so share eternal joy in heaven.
Through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Special Announcements/Brief Word of Thanks

Concluding Rite

Solemn Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May God the Father,
who called us together
to celebrate this solemnity of Saint Patrick,
bless you, protect you and keep you faithful.

All: Amen.

Priest: May Christ the Lord,
the High King of Heaven,
be close to you at all times
and shield you from every evil.

All: Amen.

Priest: And may the Holy Spirit
make you rich in holiness like Saint Patrick,
and fill you with love for God's people.

All: Amen.

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you forever.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Song