

WELCOME

Good morning/ evening, and welcome to St Mary's Parish.

What is the yoke? Discipleship, yes! But also the struggle to discover and know God and God's desires. This is what has been revealed to Jesus who chooses to reveal it to 'little ones' for whom, then, the burden of knowing God and God's will becomes light. What is impossible without Christ is possible with him.

Please say "hello" to those next to you, and if you do not know those seated near you, introduce yourself and say "hello."

We now keep in mind our sick brothers and sisters, especially those in our newsletter.

Our presider this morning/evening is -

Please join us as we begin with the Processional Hymn.

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you;

he is victorious, he is triumphant,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim

and horses from Jerusalem;

the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,

from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 (JB)

R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:9, 11-13 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 11:25 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

General Intercessions

Celebrant: With trust in the promises of Jesus, we now offer our prayers.

Reader:

1. Let us pray that we may trust the way of meekness that Jesus preaches, (Pause) We pray to the Lord.
2. Let us pray that we will promote peace and justice as a nation, (Pause) We pray to the Lord.
3. Let us pray that our homes, schools and areas of work will be places of tolerance and understanding rather than of violence, (Pause) We pray to the Lord.
4. Let us pray that we will work to eliminate the roots of violence in the world, such as racism and the unjust distribution of wealth, (Pause) We pray to the Lord.
5. Let us pray that we will have the courage to support those who take stands against violent solutions to society's problems, (Pause) We pray to the Lord.
6. Let us pray for Tobias Grahame Mitchell Hartley, Lydia May Edith Hartley and Astrid Catherine Wynne who are to be Baptised into the Catholic faith this weekend. May they always be close to God in this life and with Him in eternal joy. (Pause) We pray to the Lord.
7. Let us pray for those who have passed into eternal life, and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time. We also pray for those who have no one to remember them in their prayers. May they find eternal rest and comfort within God's own life and love. *Together we pray* (All) Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord! And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. (Pause) We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God, our Creator, you are the source of wisdom. We ask you to grant our prayers through Jesus our Lord and Brother who lives with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.