

# Solemn Dedication

of

## ST. MARY'S ORATORY

### Newbuildings

PARISH OF GLENDERMOTT

- by -

## The Most Reverend Edward Daly

BISHOP OF DERRY

- on -

### SUNDAY, 31st JULY, 1988

## FOREWORD

The priests of the parish of Glendermott extend a very warm welcome to those who are with us today for the Solemn Dedication of this new Oratory of St. Mary's, Newbuildings.

We are very pleased to have Bishop Daly to perform the ceremony and to be principal celebrant of the first Mass in our new Oratory. We welcome former priests who have ministered in our parish and who were therefore closely associated with the former Oratory.

The former Oratory was dedicated by the late Bishop Neil Farren on the 8th February 1948. Forty years is a short time in the life of a church, but the Oratory was meant only as a temporary structure, and it became apparent recently that it would have to be replaced.

We were given temporary planning permission to reconstruct the Oratory towards the end of 1987, and the work was entrusted to the firm of F. M. Corr and Associates. Miss Oonagh Madden was the project architect. We think that she can take great pride in the design and furnishing of this new building.

Mr. Gerry McCormick's tender for the construction and for the seating was accepted as the lowest tender, as was that of Lorne Electric for the mechanical and electrical services. All can be justly proud of the quality of their work.

This is an historic day for our parish, and for the Newbuildings-Prehen area in particular. This Oratory is another sign of their faith in God and their loyalty to His church. We are most grateful to all the people of Glendermott for their generosity. The dedication of St. Mary's Oratory advances the massive building programme undertaken over the last two decades. May God reward all those who today witness the beginning of a new chapter in the annals of this parish of Glendermott.

**JAMES CLERKIN, P.P.**  
**JOSEPH COULTER, C.C.**  
**NEIL FARREN, C.C.**  
**DAVID O'KANE, C.C.**  
**FINTAN DIGGIN, C.C.**

**31st July, 1988.**

**PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT:**  
MOST REVEREND EDWARD DALY, Bishop of Derry.

**CONCELEBRANTS:**  
Priests of the parish  
and priests who have served in the parish.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:**  
REVEREND EAMON GRAHAM, C.C., St. Mary's, Derry.

**ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER:**  
BRIAN LOGUE

**FOLK GROUP:**  
BRENDAN HARRON, MICHAEL JAMISON (*Guitars*)  
STEPHEN MAILEY (*Keyboard*)

**SACRISTAN:**  
MRS. MAUREEN PHILLIPS

**BUILDING AND DESIGN**

- Architects ..... F. M. CORR & ASSOCIATES  
Project Architect ..... OONAGH MADDEN  
Building Contractor ..... GERALD McCORMICK  
Mechanical and Electrical Services ..... LORNE ELECTRIC  
Foreman ..... CHARLES DEVINE  
Clerk of Works ..... HUGH McGUINNESS

**SOLEMN ENTRANCE**

The Bishop, concelebrants and the Bishop go in procession through the church.

**STAND BLESSING AND SIPPING OF WATER**  
The Bishop goes to the Chair.

The Bishop takes a water with which to sprinkle the people. As the procession enters the church, the following hymn is sung.

**RITE OF DEDICATION**

**PART ONE**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**BISHOP:**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of Creation,  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is your health and salvation.  
All you who hear,  
and a member of his Church,  
May the gift of his Spirit  
join in precious adoration,  
and surround us with such great love

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May the gift of his Spirit  
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and surround us with such great love

**BISHOP:**

The grace and peace of God  
As it is sprinkled upon us,  
make it a sign of the saving  
by which we become one in Christ, the temple of your Spirit  
May all here today,  
and all those in days  
who will celebrate your mysteries in this church.

## SOLEMN ENTRANCE

### STAND

*The clergy, concelebrants and the Bishop go in procession through the church.*

*The Bishop goes to the Chair.*

*As the procession enters the church, the following hymn is sung:*

### PRAYSE TO THE LORD

**ALL: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is your health and salvation.  
All you who hear,  
now to his altar draw near,  
join in profound adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, let us offer  
our gifts at his altar;  
let not our sins and transgressions  
now cause us to falter.  
Christ, the High Priest,  
bids us all join in his feast.  
Victims with him on the altar.**

**Praise to the Lord, oh let all that is in us  
adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now in  
praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again,  
Now as we worship before him.**

### BISHOP:

The grace and peace of God  
be with all of you  
in his holy Church.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*The Bishop welcomes the people and gives a short introduction to the ceremony.*

### STAND BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

*The Bishop blesses water with which to sprinkle the people as a sign of repentance and as a reminder of their Baptism.*

### BISHOP:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this solemn rite of dedication, let us ask the Lord our God to bless this water created by his hand.

It is a sign of our repentance, a reminder of our Baptism, and a symbol of the cleansing of these walls and this altar. May the grace of God help us to remain faithful members of his Church, open to the Spirit we have received.

*All pray in silence for a brief period.*

### BISHOP:

God of mercy,  
You call every creature to the light of life,  
and surround us with such great love  
that when we stray  
you continually lead us back to Christ our head.  
For you have established an inheritance of such mercy  
that those sinners, who pass through water made sacred,  
die with Christ and rise restored  
as members of his body  
and heirs of his eternal covenant.  
Bless this water;  
sanctify it.  
As it is sprinkled upon us and throughout this church  
make it a sign of the saving waters of baptism,  
by which we become one in Christ, the temple of your Spirit  
May all here today,  
and all those in days to come,  
who will celebrate your mysteries in this church.

be united at last in the holy city of your peace.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

*As the Bishop sprinkles the people with the holy water,  
the following hymn is sung:*

### **THE LORD IS PRESENT IN HIS HOLY SANCTUARY**

**The Lord is present in his holy sanctuary,  
let us praise the Lord.  
The Lord is present in his people gathered here,  
let us praise the Lord.  
Praise him, praise him,  
let us praise the Lord.  
Praise him, praise him,  
let us praise Jesus.**

**The Lord is present in his holy sanctuary,  
let us sing to the Lord.  
The Lord is present in his people gathered here,  
let us sing to the Lord.  
Sing to him, sing to him,  
let us sing to the Lord.  
Sing to him, sing to him,  
Let us sing to Jesus.**

*When the singing is finished the Bishop says:*

**BISHOP:**

May God, the Father of mercies,  
dwell in this house of prayer.  
May the grace of the Holy Spirit cleanse us,  
for we are the temple of his presence.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **STAND GLORIA LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**ALL:** Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory in the highest!

**Choir:** Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

**ALL:** Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory in the highest!

**Choir:** Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

**ALL:** Glory to God, Glory to God.  
Glory in the highest.

**Choir:** For you alone are the Holy One,  
for you alone are the Lord,  
for you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**BISHOP:**

Lord,  
fill this place with your presence,  
and extend your hand  
to all those who call upon you.  
May your word here proclaimed  
and your sacraments here celebrated  
strengthen the hearts of all the faithful.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

ALL: Amen.  
We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you, and we long for you.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord is present in this sanctuary, and Jesus Christ, his Son, is seated at the right hand of the Father. We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, and we thank you for what you have done for us in this world.

### RITE OF DEDICATION

ALL: Amen.

### PART TWO

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

ALL: Amen.

### OPENING PRAYER

Choir: Lord, God, the Father of mercies, fill this place with your presence and extend your hand to all those who call upon you.

ALL: Amen.

ALL: Amen.

ALL: Amen.

### STAND LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Bishop takes **The Lectionary**, shows it to the people, and says:

BISHOP: May the word of God always be heard in this place, as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before you and achieves your salvation within the Church.

ALL: Amen.

### SIT FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them: "Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death".

Then the Lord said to Moses: "Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.

"I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them: 'Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.' " And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another: "What is that?" not knowing what it was. "That", said Moses to them, "is the bread the Lord gives you to eat".

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**ALL:** We believe in one God,  
**the Father, the Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth,**  
**of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**  
**the only Son of God,**  
**eternally begotten of the Father,**  
**God from God, Light from Light,**  
**true God from true God,**  
**begotten, not made,**  
**of one Being with the Father.**  
**Through him all things were made.**  
**For us men and for our salvation**  
**He came down from heaven:**  
**by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and**  
**was made man.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius**  
**Pilate;**  
**he suffered death and was buried.**  
**On the third day he rose again**  
**in accordance with the scriptures;**  
**He ascended into heaven**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and**  
**the dead,**  
**and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver**  
**of life,**  
**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**  
**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped**  
**and glorified.**  
**He has spoken through the Prophets.**  
**We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic**  
**Church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness**  
**of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**  
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**STAND**  
**BISHOP:**  
**KNEEL**  
**CLERGY:** Lord, have mercy

**ALL:** Lord, have mercy  
**CLERGY:** Christ, have mercy  
**ALL:** Christ, have mercy

**RITE OF DEDICATION**

**PART THREE**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CLERGY:** Holy Angels of God  
**ALL:** Lord, have mercy  
**CLERGY:** Guide and protect your holy church  
**ALL:** Lord, have mercy  
**CLERGY:** Bless the people of this church  
**ALL:** Lord, have mercy  
**CLERGY:** Strengthen us in your service  
**ALL:** Lord, have mercy

**STAND INVITATION TO PRAYER**

**BISHOP:** Let us ask the saints to support our prayers to God the Father almighty, who has made the hearts of his people faithful temples of his Spirit.

**KNEEL LITANY OF THE SAINTS**

**CLERGY:** Lord, have mercy

**ALL: Lord, have mercy**

**CLERGY:** Christ, have mercy

**ALL: Christ, have mercy**

**CLERGY:** Lord, have mercy

**ALL: Lord, have mercy**

**CLERGY:** Holy Mary, Mother of God

**ALL: Pray for us** (this response is repeated after each of the following invocations)

- CLERGY:** Saint Michael
- Holy Angels of God
- Saint John the Baptist
- Saint Joseph
- Saint Peter and Saint Paul
- Saint Andrew
- Saint John
- Saint Mary Magdalene
- Saint Stephen
- Saint Ignatius of Antioch
- Saint Lawrence
- Saint Oliver Plunkett
- Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity
- Saint Agnes
- Saint Gregory
- Saint Augustine
- Saint Athanasius

- Saint Basil
- Saint Martin
- Saint Patrick
- Saint Eugene
- Saint Benedict
- Saint Columba
- Saint Francis and Saint Dominic
- Saint Francis Xavier
- Saint John Vianney
- Saint Brecan
- Saint Catherine
- Saint Teresa
- Saint Brigid
- All holy men and women

**CLERGY:** Lord, be merciful

**ALL: Lord, save your people** (this response is repeated after each of the following invocations)

- CLERGY:** From all evil
- From every sin
- From everlasting death
- By your coming as man
- By your death and rising to life
- By your gift of the Holy Spirit

**CLERGY:** Be merciful to us sinners

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer** (this response is repeated after each of the following invocations)

- CLERGY:** Guide and protect your holy Church
- Keep the Pope and all the clergy in faithful service to your church
- Bring all peoples together in trust and that peace which only you can give
- Bless the people of this parish and all who have helped in the work of this church
- Strengthen us in your service
- Make this church holy and consecrate it to your worship
- Jesus, Son of the Living God

CLERGY: Christ, hear us

**ALL: Christ, hear us**

CLERGY: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

**ALL: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer**

BISHOP: Lord,  
may the prayer of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and of all the saints  
make our prayers acceptable to you.  
May this building,  
which we dedicate to your name,  
be a house of salvation and grace  
where Christians gathered in fellowship  
may worship you in spirit and truth  
and grow together in love.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

**STAND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

BISHOP: Father in heaven,  
source of holiness and true purpose,  
it is right that we praise and glorify your name.

For today we come before you,  
to dedicate to your lasting service  
this house of prayer, this temple of worship,  
this home in which we are nourished by your word and  
your sacraments.

Here is reflected the mystery of the Church.  
The Church is fruitful,  
made holy by the blood of Christ:  
a bride made radiant with his glory,  
a virgin splendid in the wholeness of her faith,  
a mother blessed through the power of the Spirit.

The Church is holy,  
your chosen vineyard:  
its branches envelop the world,

its tendrils, carried on the tree of the cross,  
reach up to the kingdom of heaven.

The Church is favoured,  
the dwelling place of God and earth:  
a temple built of living stones,  
founded on the apostles  
with Jesus Christ its corner stone.

The Church is exalted,  
a city on a mountain:  
a beacon to the whole world,  
bright with the glory of the lamb,  
and echoing the prayers of her saints.

Lord,  
send your spirit from heaven  
to make this church an ever-holy place,  
and this altar a ready table for the sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the waters of baptism  
overwhelm the shame of sin;  
here may your people die to sin  
and live again through grace as your children.

Here may your children,  
gather round your altar,  
celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Lamb,  
and be fed at the table  
of Christ's word and Christ's body.

Here may prayer, the Church's banquet,  
resound through heaven and earth  
as a plea for the world's salvation.

Here may the poor find justice,  
the victims of oppression, true freedom.  
from here may the whole world  
clothed in the dignity of the children of God,  
enter with gladness your city of peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**



## **ANOINTING OF THE ALTAR**

**BISHOP:** We now anoint this altar, the Lord's table.  
May God make it a holy visible sign of the  
mystery of Christ and His Church.

## **STAND INCENSATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE PEOPLE**

*The Bishop puts incense into the thurible, saying:*

**BISHOP:** Lord,  
May our prayer ascend as incense in your sight.  
As this building is filled with fragrance  
so may your Church fill the world  
with the fragrance of Christ.

*Because it is at this newly-anointed altar that the memorial  
of the Lord is celebrated and his body and blood given to  
the people, we see in the altar a sign of Christ himself. For  
this reason the Bishop now uses the thurible to reverence  
the altar with incense. The Bishop himself is then saluted  
with incense and, after this, the clergy and people.*

## **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

### **UBI CARITAS**

**ALL:** **Ubi caritas, et amor  
Deus ibi est.**  
(Where there is charity and love, there is God)

## **SIT LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR AND PASCHAL CANDLES**

*The altar is now prepared for the celebration of Mass.  
The Bishop gives the lighted paschal candle to the parish  
priest, saying:*

**BISHOP:** Light of Christ,  
shine forth in the Church  
and bring all nations  
to the fullness of truth.

*All the candles in the church are lighted from the paschal candle.*

**SIT** **Some members of the congregation bring the gifts in  
procession to the Bishop.**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

### **"Church of God"**

**ALL:** Church of God, chosen people,  
sing your praise to God.  
He has called you out of darkness,  
into his marvellous light.

**BISHOP:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**ALL:** **Blessed be God for ever.**

**BISHOP:** By the mystery of this water and wine  
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ,  
Who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.

**ALL:** **Blessed be God for ever.**

**BISHOP:** Lord God, we ask you to receive us  
and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you  
with humble and contrite hearts.

Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to  
God, the almighty Father.

**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 Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

BISHOP:

Lord,  
accept the gifts of a rejoicing Church.  
May your people,  
who are gathered in this sacred place,  
arrive at eternal salvation  
through the mysteries in which they share.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## KNEEL EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

BISHOP: The Lord be with you

**ALL: And also with you.**

BISHOP: Lift up your hearts

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

BISHOP: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**ALL: It is right to give you thanks and praise.**

BISHOP: Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

The whole world is your temple,  
shaped to resound with your name.  
Yet you also allow us to dedicate to your service  
places designed for your worship.

With hearts full of joy  
we consecrate to your glory  
this work of our hands, this house of prayer.

Here is foreshadowed the mystery of your true temple;  
this church is the image on earth of your heavenly city.

For you made the body of your Son,  
born of the Virgin,  
a temple consecrated to your glory,  
the dwelling place of your glory,  
the dwelling place of your godhead in all its fullness.

You have established the Church as your holy city,  
founded on the apostles,  
with Jesus Christ its cornerstone.

You continue to build your Church with chosen stones,  
enlivened by the Spirit,  
and cemented together by love.

Through Christ we praise you Lord,  
with all the angels and saints in their song of joy:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.  
Blessed is he who comes,  
comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

BISHOP:

We come to you, Father, with praise and thanksgiving,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him we ask you to accept and bless these gifts  
we offer you in sacrifice.

We offer them for your holy catholic Church,  
watch over it, Lord, and guide it;  
grant it peace and unity throughout the world.

We offer them for John Paul our pope, for me your  
unworthy servant, and my assistant Bishop Francis,  
and for all who hold and teach the catholic faith  
that comes to us from the apostles.

FIRST CONCELEBRANT:

Remember, Lord, your people,  
especially those for whom we now pray.  
Remember all of us gathered here before you.

You know how firmly we believe in you  
and dedicate ourselves to you.  
We offer you this sacrifice of praise  
for ourselves and those who are dear to us.  
We pray to you, our living and true God,  
for our well-being and redemption.

**SECOND CONCELEBRANT:**

In union with the whole Church we honour Mary,  
the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God.  
We honour Joseph, her husband,  
the apostles and martyrs  
Peter and Paul, Andrew and all the saints.  
May their merits and prayers  
gain us your constant help and protection.

**BISHOP:**

Father, accept this offering from your whole family,  
Grant us peace in this life,  
save us from final damnation,  
and count us among those You have chosen.

**BISHOP AND CONCELEBRANTS:**

Bless and approve our offering  
make it acceptable to you, an offering in spirit and in truth.  
Let it become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ,  
your only Son, our Lord.  
The day before he suffered,  
he took bread in his sacred hands  
and looking up to heaven to you his almighty Father  
he gave you thanks and praise.  
he broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:

**Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
This is my body which will be given up for you.**

When supper was ended, he took the cup.  
Again he gave you thanks and praise,  
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it,  
this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you and for all men  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION**

**ALL:** When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
Until you come in glory.

**BISHOP AND CONCELEBRANTS:**

Father, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son.  
We, your people and your ministers,  
recall his passion, his resurrection from the dead,  
and his ascension into glory;  
and from the many gifts you have given us  
we offer to you, God of Glory and majesty,  
this holy and perfect sacrifice,  
the bread of life  
and the cup of eternal salvation.  
Look with favour on these offerings and accept them  
as once you accepted the gifts of your servant Abel,  
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,  
and the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchisedech,  
Almighty God,  
we pray that your angel may take this sacrifice  
to your altar in heaven.  
Then, as we receive from this altar  
the sacred body and blood of your Son,  
let us be filled with every grace and blessing.

**THIRD CONCELEBRANT:**

Remember, Lord, those who have died  
and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith,  
especially those for whom we now pray.

May these, and all who sleep in Christ,  
find in your presence light, happiness and peace.

**FOURTH CONCELEBRANT:**

For ourselves, too, we ask  
some share in the fellowship of your apostles and martyrs,  
with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas and  
all the saints.

Though we are sinners, we trust in your mercy and love.  
Do not consider what we truly deserve,  
but grant us your forgiveness.

**BISHOP:**

Through Christ our Lord, you give us all these gifts,  
you fill them with life and goodness,  
you bless them and make them holy.

**BISHOP AND CONCELEBRANTS:**

Through Him, with Him, in Him.

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
almighty Father  
for ever and ever.

**CHOIR: Amen.**

**Stand COMMUNION RITE**

*Those who have already received Holy Communion today  
may receive again at this Mass of Dedication*

**BISHOP:**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father  
in the words our Saviour gave us:

**ALL:**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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.**

**BISHOP:**

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,  
and grant us peace in our day.  
In your mercy keep us free from sin  
and protect us from all anxiety  
as we wait in joyful hope  
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**ALL: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours, now and for ever.**

**BISHOP:**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom  
where you live for ever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

**BISHOP:**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**BISHOP:**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

May this mingling of the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

**ALL: 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.**

**BISHOP:**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of the  
Father and the work of the Holy Spirit your death brought  
life to the world. By your holy body and blood free me from  
all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to your  
teaching, and never let me be parted from you.

This is the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**ALL:** **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION HYMNS  
PLAY BEFORE THE LORD**

I will play before the Lord;  
I will sing to Him my melody.  
Stand among His people here,  
telling of all his ways.  
Let us sing before the Lord;  
Let us sing to Him our melody  
Stand within His temple here,  
telling of all His ways.

Sing people of God  
Bless His holy name  
Offering Him our joyful hearts,  
joining in endless praise.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, lelulia  
joining in endless praise.

**SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR**

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
Wash me, ye waters, streaming from his side.

Strength and protection may his passion be:  
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me:  
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;  
In death's dread moments make me only thine;  
Call me, and bid me come to thee on high,  
When I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

**POST COMMUNION REFLECTION**

Response: Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup  
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

**The Bishop now lights the Sanctuary lamp.**

**SIT** *Short address by Father Clerkin, Parish Priest.*

**KNEEL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**BISHOP:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** **And also with you.**

**BISHOP:** Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

The Lord of earth and heaven has assembled you before  
him this day to dedicate this house of prayer.  
May he fill you with the blessings of heaven.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**BISHOP:** God the Father wills that all his children  
scattered through the world  
become one family in his Son.  
May he make you his temple,  
the dwelling place of his Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**BISHOP:** May God free you from every bond of sin,  
dwell within you and give you joy.  
May you live with him for ever  
in the company of all his saints.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**BISHOP:** May almighty God bless you,  
the Father + and the Son + and the Holy + Spirit.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**BISHOP:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

To God with gladness sing, Your rock and saviour bless; Within his temple bring your songs of thankfulness! O God of might, To you we sing, Enthroned as King On heaven's height.	Your Heav'nly Father Praise Acclaim his only Son, Your voice in homage raise To him who makes all one! O dove of peace, On us descend That strife may end An joy increase!
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