



***First Holy
Communion 2021***

Church of Divine Mercy

Lucan South Parish

Entrance Hymn

THIS IS THE DAY

*Sing, sing, sing alleluia,
This is the day the Lord has made.
Dance, dance, dance. Alleluia
This is the day the Lord has made*

*Let us rejoice and be glad,
This is the day the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad,
This is the day. Refrain*

*Play music to honour his name,
This is the day the Lord has made,
Sing psalms and songs of praise,
This is the day. Refrain*

Sign of the Cross

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

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Presentation of Symbols.

Priest: **We now invite** to tell us about the symbols which is already in our sacred space.

A Baptismal Candle: which reminds us that God is the light of our lives, the light of each day and that he is always with us.

A Flower: which symbolise the colours of life.

A Bible: which tells us God's story. At Mass we listen to the word of God and the stories of Jesus and his ministry.

A Globe: remind us of all the countries we are from and have family living in.

A Book: We thank God for our varied interests and our love of life.

A musical instruments: which symbolises the joy music brings to our ceremonies and our lives.

Priest:

My brothers and sisters, let us
acknowledge our sins,
that we may prepare ourselves to
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All:

Confiteor.

I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have
failed to do;
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you my
brothers and sisters,
to pray for me, to the Lord our God.

The Gloria

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,**

**glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!**

Refrain:

Alleluia, Amen! (3X)

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!**

Opening Prayer

Priest:

Let us pray. God our father we are your people. Watch over us today, especially the girls and boys who are making their First Holy Communion. We pray that during their lives they

may often return to be fed at the Lord's Table. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the letter of Saint John

Dear Friends,

See how much God thinks of us. He calls us his children and we really are, you know. God takes care of us, so we must take care of each other. God loves us so we must love each other. If we don't know that, we don't know anything about God our Father, because GOD IS LOVE.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

My Shepherd is the Lord

*My Shepherd is the Lord,
He tends all my needs,
By quiet streams He plants a dream,
Of peace and love for me,
He shepherds me,*

*Sometimes when I'm awake,
Sad and all alone,
He makes my tears disappear,
With your touch of joy,
You shepherd me,*

*You give me food to eat,
Bless me every day,
You give me rest,
As your guest forever in your home,
You shepherd me,*

*My Shepherd is the Lord,
He tends all my needs,
By quiet streams He plants a dream,
Of peace and love for me,
He shepherds me, He shepherds me.*

Second Reading

Introduction

This reading comes from one of the letters St Paul wrote to his friends. It tells us that since our Baptism, God has given us the Holy Spirit to help us.

Dear Titus,

When we were baptised, we all became children of God. This proves how good and kind God is, because he still loves us even though sometimes we don't deserve it. When we were baptised, God gave us the spirit of his love to help us to be kind and loving like God. He did this because he wanted us to be his children and to be happy with him forever.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Halle, halle, halle- lujah!

Halle, halle, halle- lujah!

Halle, halle, halle -lujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise God in this holy place, every nation, every race.
Come, make joyful music to the Lord.
Sound the trumpet, sound it clear.
Sound it for the world to hear.
Come make joyful music to the Lord.
Alleluia alleluiaalleluia.

Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Glory to you Lord.

Priest: This is the story of Jesus and the Children.

People often used to bring children to Jesus and when they did, Jesus always gave them his blessing. One day however, some of the friends of Jesus told the children to go away. Jesus was angry when he saw this happening and said "Don't stop the children from coming to

me. Don't send them away like that. Bring them back to me. They are among God the Father's closest friends." Then he put his arms around the children and he blessed them.

Priest: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: ***We now invitewho*** will lead us in our Prayers of the Faithful.

Reader: *We ask God our Father to bless and guide everyone who has helped us to prepare to receive our First Holy Communion.*
Lord hear us

All: ***Lord graciously hear us***

Reader: *We pray for our families, that they will be places of peace and love for us all.*
Lord hear us.

All: ***Lord graciously hear us***

Reader: *We pray for all the girls and boys who will receive their First Holy Communion in this parish that they will know that God is with them. **Lord hear us***

All: ***Lord graciously hear us***

Reader: *We remember that some children do not have enough to eat or do not have a home and we pray for them. **Lord hear us***

All: ***Lord graciously hear us***

Reader: *We remember members of our family who are with God and we pray that they rest in God's peace. **Lord hear us***

All ***Lord graciously hear us***

Reader: We thank you God for our school family. Thank you for our principal, teachers and all the staff who help us to learn how to live in love for one another. We pray that our school family will always be a place of learning, joy and happiness where everyone is welcome and cherished.

Lord hear us

Offertory Procession

Priest: *Prepares the altar for consecration*

Offertory Hymn

We Come to you Lord Jesus.

*We come to you Lord Jesus to say our Thanks to you.
And in our Mass we bring ourselves and everything we do.
We love you Lord Jesus, stay with us we pray.
Help us to be more like you each day.*

*We bring the bread, we bring the wine,
we bring them now to you.
We bring our work we bring our play and everything we do.
We love you Lord Jesus, stay with us we pray.
Help us to be more like you each day.*

*Your love for us our love for you, we celebrate today.
Oh fill our hearts with peace and joy be with us Lord we pray.
We love you Lord Jesus, stay with us we pray.
Help us to be more like you each day.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Priest: Pray friends that our sacrifice may be acceptable to the Lord God Almighty

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: God our father we bring you our gifts of bread and wine. We bring you our lives, our work and our love that you may bless them. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer II

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.

Priest: Father, all powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.....

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, save us,
Saviour of the world,
For by your cross and resurrection,
you have set us free.

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.

Communion Rite

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

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.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles,
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen

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.

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.

Children's Prayer before Holy Communion.

All the First Holy Communion Children repeat after the reader.

Lord Jesus come to me
Lord Jesus give me your love
Lord Jesus come to me and give me
yourself
Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to
me
Jesus you are my Lord and my God.

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.

All: Amen



Communion Hymns.

Happy In The Presence

*Happy in the presence of the Lord,
We come and sing our praises to Lord Jesus.
Happy in the presence of the Lord,
We come and sing our praises to the Lord of all.*

*Come and share the bread of life
Bread that will feed us, help and protect us.
Come and share the stories of old,
Stories of Jesus, His work and His world.*

*Come and share the memories we've had,
Happy days, sad days, days full of joy.
Come and tell the Lord that we love,
We'll live the life He told us to live.*

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

*You have friends, you are not alone.
Thanks to them, you're not on your own.
You are strong, even when you feel small.*

*From the rain, they will shelter you.
In your pain, they will comfort you.
They will always pick you up when you fall.*

*Circle of friends, all around you.
Circle of friends, strong and true.
Circle of friends, always there for you*

*Even when, you are far apart.
To your friends,
you're joined heart to heart.
Far away, you are not on your own.*

*You're not there, but they think of you.
In their prayers,
they remember you.
You are never ever truly alone.*

COMMUNION: Song 3

CéadMíleFáilteRomhat

CéadmílefáilteRomhataÍosa, a Íosa.

CéadmílefáilteRomhataÍosa.

*CéadmílefáilteRomhat, a Sháanathóir. Céadmíle,
mílefáilteRomhat a Íosa, a Íosa.*

*GlóragusmoladhDuit a Íosa, a Íosa;
GlóragusmoladhDuitaÍosa.
GlóragusmoladhDuit a ShlánathóirGlór
MoladhagusBuíochasDuit a Íosa, a Íosa*

Prayers after Communion

All first holy Communion Children repeat this prayer after the reader

Lord Jesus I love and adore you. You're a special friend to me. Welcome Lord Jesus, oh welcome. Thank you for coming to me.

Thank you Lord Jesus, Oh thank you for giving yourself to me. Make me strong to show your love, wherever I may be.

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay, Close by me forever, and love me I pray. Bless all of us children, in your loving care, and bring us to heaven, to live with you there.

I'm ready now Lord Jesus, to show how much I care.

I'm ready now to give your love at home and everywhere.

Priest: God our Father may the coming of Jesus to us in Holy Communion give us peace. May he stay with us as we try to spread peace and love in our world today. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Concluding Rite

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest: Go in peace to love God and always be his friend.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

*Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.*

*Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be*

SONG OF THANKS AND PRAISE

We praise you, we bless you
We give you thanks, O Lord. (2x)

Thank you for the Bread of Life
and the Blessing Cup
Thank you for the gift you are. (2x)

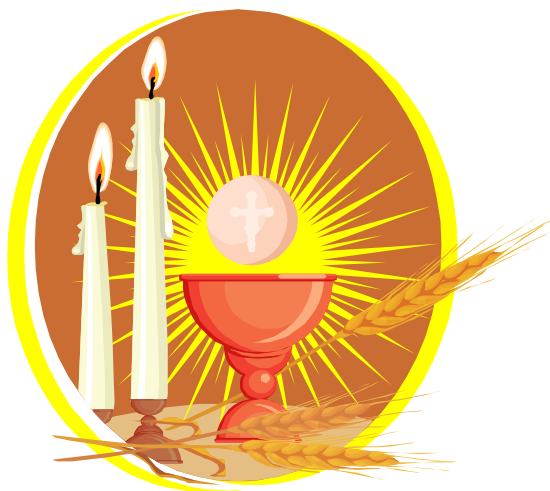
Thank you for our fam'lies and friends.
Thank you for the gifts they are. (2x)

Thank you for your love, Lord and your light.
Let it shine within our hearts. (2x)

(Parents / Assembly's verse affirming the children)

Thank you for our children,
Thank you for their love.
Thank you for the gifts they are.

Thank you for our children,
Thank you for their love.
Bless them each and every one.



***Jesus made you special
you're unique in every way
and He loves you very much
on this your First Communion Day.***