

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, MUMBLES

## HOME PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAYS

Pentecost Sunday, 31 May 2020

*This home prayer service can be used by a single person (sole participant) or by family members at home. Where there are two or more persons, a family member leads the prayer service (including reading the reflection). Where possible, the participant(s) should have the prayer service around a table with a lighted candle, a crucifix and a Bible (or missal).*

### ENTRANCE SONG (OR ANTIPHON)

*An opening song may be sung or the following antiphon is recited. All stand.*

**The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world  
and that which contains all things  
understands what is said, alleluia.**

*We begin with the sign of the Cross:*

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit. Amen**

*A leader or the sole participant says:*

**Blessed be the God of all consolation,  
who has shown us his great mercy.  
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

*Response: Blessed be God for ever.*

### INTRODUCTION

*Where there are two or more persons in the house, the leader introduces the celebration in these or similar words:*

**Today we celebrate the great day of Pentecost  
when Christ filled the Church with power of his  
Spirit and sent it out into the world to bring his  
peace, joy and forgiveness to all mankind.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

*The sole participant or leader introduces the penitential act saying:*

**Let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare  
ourselves for this celebration.**

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

**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 sole participant or the leader says:*

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

*Response: Amen.*

### COLLECT

The sole participant or leader says the Collect Prayer:

**O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast,  
sanctify your whole church in every people and  
nation,  
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
across the face of the earth  
and, with the divine grace that was at work  
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,  
fill now once more the hearts of believers.  
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.**

*Response: Amen.*

### READINGS

After each reading a brief silence is observed. It is desirable to take all the readings with the responsorial psalm, all of which are available in the Sunday Missal. Where all readings of the Sunday cannot be taken, the Gospel (printed below) is read. The one who reads the Gospel, if not a priest or deacon, does not say "The Lord be with you" but begins with "A reading from the holy Gospel according to..."

First Reading:	Acts 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 103(104):1,24,29-31,34
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13
Gospel Acclamation:	John 14:23
Gospel:	John 20:19-23

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:  
'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

### **REFLECTION**

*The sole participant or leader reads a homily prepared by the priest; or may give a short reflection on the scripture readings of the day. The reflection is followed by a period of silence.*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The creed is said:*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

*The General Intercessions are said.*

*Leader:* Since God endows us with the gift of his own life, by imparting the Holy Spirit, let us come to him with prayers inspired by the Holy Spirit. Let us come to him, alive and free in the divine presence.

*Reader:* For all who have been signed and sealed with the Holy Spirit, that they, as members of the Church, may be united as one body made of many parts. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* For the outpouring of the Spirit of peace, that men and women may know the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray that those who are sick with the coronavirus may regain their health through quality medical care and may those who have died from the virus find eternal rest with God. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray for our sick and housebound, that they may be comforted and strengthened through the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* In thanksgiving to the Lord, we pray for parishioners who mark their birthdays this week: Peter Stewart, Gaye Clee, Gabriella Pass, Fran Taylor, Pat Falvey. May the Lord bless and keep them. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*[Other petitions may be added, after which the Our Father is introduced in these or similar words]:*

*Reader:* Let us pray to our Father in the words Our Saviour taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*After a brief period of silence, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion is said by all.*

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

*A song of thanksgiving may be sung after the prayer of spiritual communion.*

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*The sole participant or leader says the concluding prayer:*

**May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The sole participant or leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the Sign of the Cross while saying the following:*

**May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**