

St. Gerard's Parish, Bellshill
Concelebrated Mass
of Thanksgiving
on the occasion of
Sister Brigid's Golden Jubilee
of Religious Profession



Rejoice



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Father
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GLORY

AND

PRAISE

TO GOD



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GOLDEN JUBILEE LITURGY:

REFLECTIVE MUSIC:

As Congregation gathers together.

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Praise to the Father. (Christine McCann)

*Praise to the Father,
the source of our life!
Praise to his Son our sacrifice!
Praise to the Spirit,
living in us!
Praise, praise the Lord.*

1. In serving, we offer ourselves as witness to God's living power. In the work of his people, the Father is praised. Our God, all glory to you. *Praise to the Father.....*

2. Through Jesus, our service of love, with him, our strength and our joy, in him the source of all healing power! Jesus all glory to you. *Praise to the Father.....*

3. The strength of the Spirit is ours living in us as we work; the healing touch of the Father and Son. Spirit all Glory to you. *Praise to the Father.....*




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WORDS OF WELCOME:



GLORIA:
Bread of Life Mass. (Margaret Rizza)
Refrain:
Glory, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest,
Peace to His people on earth,
Peace to His people on earth.
Verses sung by Choir

OPENING PRAYER:



FIRST READING:

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Ch. 1: v.4-11

The word of Yahweh 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 Yahweh; look, I do not know how to speak:
I am a child!"

But Yahweh 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 Yahweh who speaks".

Then Yahweh put out His hand and touched my mouth,
and said to me:

"There! I am putting my words into your mouth.
Look, today I am setting you over nations and over kingdoms
to tear up and to knock down,
to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.



This is the Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 138

(Music: B. Farrell)

(Choir)

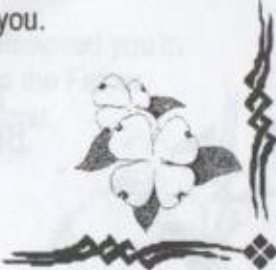
O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me.
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.


You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar.
And with love everlasting you besiege me.
In every moment of life and death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have
known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding.
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me. Still I search
for shelter from your light. There is no where
on earth I can escape you. Even the
darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me.
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am I praise you.
Safe in your hands, all creation
is made new.





SECOND READING:

A Reading from the
Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

Ch. 3: v. 16-21

This, then, is what I pray kneeling before the Father,
from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural,
takes its name:

Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power
through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong,
so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith,
and then, planted in love and built on love,
you will, with all the Saints, have strength to grasp
the breadth and the length, the height and the depth;
until knowing the love of Christ, which is
beyond all knowledge,
you are filled with the utter fullness of God.



Glory be to him whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory be to him from generation to
generation in the Church and in
Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

Amen

This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia - Blessed be God the Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all
the spiritual blessings of Heaven in Christ - Alleluia

GOSPEL:

A Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to John.
Ch. 15:v.9-17



As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love, if you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

Love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business. I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you: and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last: and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Sing Alleluia





HOMILY:

INTERCESSIONS:

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Hymn: Take me Lord.

Take me Lord, use my life in the way you wish to do.
Fill me, Lord, touch my heart till it always thinks of you.
Take me now, as I am. This is all I can offer.

*Here today I the clay will be
molded by my Lord.*

Lord, I pray, that each day I will listen to your will.
Many times I have failed, but I know you
love me still. Teach me now, guide me, Lord.
Keep me close to you always.

*Here today I the clay will be
molded by my Lord.*

I am weak. Fill me now with your strength and
set me free. Make me whole. Fashion me
so that you will live in me.
Hold me now in your hands. Form me now with
your Spirit.

*Here today I the clay will be
molded by my Lord.*

HOLY: HOLY: HOLY:

(Bread of Life)

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION:

(Bread of Life)

Lord by your Cross and Resurrection
You have set us free
You are the Saviour of the World

GREAT AMEN:

(Bread of Life)

OUR FATHER:

(Sing)

LAMB OF GOD:

(Bread of Life)



COMMUNION:

1. Lord you are so precious to me.



Lord , you are so precious to me. 1.
Lord, you are so precious to me.
And I love you, yes I love you,
because you first loved me.

Lord , you are so gracious to me. 2.

Lord, you are a Father to me. 3.

Lord, you are so faithful to me. 4.

Lord, you are so loving to me. 5.

2. May the Lord bless you

(Choir)

3. Father Almighty, we give you our thanks

Father Almighty
we give you our thanks.
Thanks for the gift of your Son.
Thanks for the friendship you've
called us to share. Gathered
together in one.
Keep us together all true
to your name. Striving till
we've overcome.
Strengthen us Lord,
with the Spirit of your love.
Send us the Spirit of your love.

Father we thank you for
giving us life.
Life to be lived all for you.
Giving a share in your
Godhead Divine, a share in your
life through and through.
Help us bear witness to your
Holy name in all that we
say think and do.
Strengthen us, Lord,
with the Spirit of your love.
Send us the Spirit of your love.



RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Tell out, my Soul.

(Timothy Dudley-Smith) based on Luke 1: v.46-55

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm
has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight.
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul,
the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord;
to children's children and for evermore!



A Message from Sister Brigid



Sincere thanks to Father Brosnan,
the Parishioners of St. Gerard's Parish,
and all who have come here this evening
to share in my joy at reaching the

Golden Year

of my Religious Profession in the
Congregation of the
Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy

Yes indeed, it is a time to celebrate and
Thank God

for His countless blessings and goodness to me

During the past seven years it has been
my privilege and
happiness to serve in this wonderful Parish and to
share our journey together.

Thanks for all your support and encouragement.
You are special.

May God bless and reward you.

