



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 23rd August
2020**
*Eleventh Sunday
after TRINITY*

PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL ON PAGES 11 & 12

—before the Service begins.

Next Sunday –30th August -a Service of Holy Communion.
**Please note- The wearing of Face Masks in Church,
whilst not compulsory—is strongly recommended**

MORNING PRAYER – 23rd August 2020 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

(Using the Book of Common Prayer - BCP)

Introduction and Opening Hymn - 343

1 King of glory, King of peace,
I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

2 Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol Thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol Thee.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

A Sentence of Scripture

‘Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near’.

Isaiah 55:6

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Beloved in Christ, today we offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

A Prayer of Penitence

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Absolution *BCP- page 102*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips: **and our mouth will proclaim your praise**

O God, make speed to save us: **O Lord make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever, Amen

Praise the Lord: **The Lord's name be praised.**

Psalm 138.

- 1** I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ■
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- 2** I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness; ■
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- 3** In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ■
you put new strength in my soul.
- 4** All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ■
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ■
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ■
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; ■
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ■
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your
hands.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen

First Reading : Isaiah 51: 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;*-
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

CANTICLE (HYMN S223)

Our God and Father bless,
for by his sworn decree
 he sends to us in power divine
 the promised Lord of David's line,
 fulfilling all his love's design
to save and set us free.

Let truth prepare his path,
let righteousness increase!
that from the shade of nature's night
 to dawn of heaven's glory bright
 the ransomed children of the light
may walk the way of peace.

His ancient purpose stands,
unchanged for evermore,
 that we and all who find a place
 within his covenant of grace
 may freely come before his face
to worship and adore.

TIMOTHY DUDLEY-SMITH

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-8

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Romans, chapter 12,
beginning at verse 1.*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your Spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world,^{*} but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Thought for the Day

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 639

1 O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

2 There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.

4 Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Prayers

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The Lord be with you; **and also, with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord; **and grant us your salvation.**

N.I. [O Lord, save the Queen; **and grant her government wisdom.**

R.I. [O Lord, guide and defend our rulers; **and grant our government wisdom.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness; **and let your servants shout for joy.**

O Lord, save your people; **and bless those whom you have chosen.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord; **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us; **and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECTS

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
Mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE COLLECTS

Collect at Morning Prayer

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,
to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom:
Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,
that we, surely trusting in your protection,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God,
we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
and in all things guide us to know and do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour,
and further us with your continual help;
that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray that your holy Spirit may so guide and govern us,
That in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,
We may never forget your presence,
But may remember that we are always walking in your sight,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

INTERCESSIONS

Going out as God's People

Ending

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Amen.** Romans 15: 13

Blessing. The blessing of God almighty...

HYMN 597

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move,
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my king;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store:
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all, for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ..

Amen.

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE USHERS INDICATE
YOU SHOULD LEAVE BY THE TRANSEPT DOOR



CHURCH SERVICES

Currently one Service each Sunday at 10am in Church



It is lovely to be back and the Safety measures taken
in

keeping with Government directions and the Church of Ireland
Protocol are working very well.

Some of you are not yet ready to return to Public Worship and
that is fine. To cater for this:-

We are continuing to provide services by other means. The Website
(www.rossorryparish.com) will continue to provide the **text** and **audio**
recordings of services, , a shorter version of Morning Prayer and a shortened
service of Holy Communion for use on Sundays . The Rector is currently
providing recordings of services (Morning Prayer and Holy Communion) on
Facebook (**Rossorry Parish Church**) which you can follow at the time or at a
time which is more suited to you or your family.

ROSSORRY PARISH GRAVEYARD

Is open again for visitors and
families.

Please observe rules on gloves,
sanitiser and social distancing

Thank you.



PARISH OFFICE

The Office is still working
9am-1pm,
Monday to Friday)
keeping the day to day machinery
moving.

Please don't visit

but I will delighted to chat on the
'phone, take emails or a note through
the door or in the post, etc—if there
is anything I can do to help.

Tel:- 02866 329889

or email: rossorryoffice@btinternet.com

The PARISH HELP GROUP

A self help group of parish
volunteers has been established
to help to those who are elderly
or self-isolating or who may require , a copy
of the CD of Services or who may just need a
friendly voice on the 'phone, at this
challenging time. We have our volunteers in
place and they are now in contact with
those who asked for a friendly voice to keep
in touch.



If we have missed anyone—please let the
Office know and they will be added to our
list.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING



EASTER GENERAL VESTRY

You will recall that due to Covid-19 restrictions that this year's Easter General Vestry was postponed from its usual time, shortly after Easter.

The Archbishop has now approved the holding of Easter General Vestries before the end of September 2020.

ROSSORRY EASTER GENERAL VESTRY will now take place on Thursday 17th September at 7.30 pm in the Church.

As this is a Triennial year -as well as electing Church Wardens and Vestry Members, we will also elect Parochial Nominators and Synod Members (and Supplementalists) .

This is an important part of Church life and you are encouraged to attend and play your part in the governance of your Church.

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FREEWILL GIVING

Even though Services have resumed at Church many of you may not be able or ready to attend but you may still contribute your weekly collection envelopes and other donations. We will continue to provide a safe collection service at the Church door.

**On the last Saturday of each month—(next date—
29th AUGUST 2020)** you will be able to bring your envelopes or send them

with a friend to the church door and two members of the Select Vestry will be there to receive them. We plan to have a system in place where you can drive up and drop off your donation and at the same time observe social distancing.

Throughout the period of the Pandemic, the Parish continues to have ongoing costs and your contribution is vital in sustaining its work and ministry.

If you wish, you may set up a Standing Order with your Bank or Building Society to deal with this matter. If you have online banking, you can do this without even visiting your Bank. The information you would need is:-

Account name :- 'Rossorry Parochial Christian Stewardship'

ULSTER BANK Ltd.

Sort code 98 06 50

Account number 47986357

You may also drop envelopes off at the Parish Office letter box or consider a bank transfer—include the Reference "FREEWILL + your envelope number"—so we know who has sent it for recording purposes.

Thank you so much everyone.

**PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO REVIEW THE ARRANGEMENTS
BELOW—DESIGNED TO HELP YOUR SAFE VISIT TO CHURCH**

Due to the restrictions of social distancing and hygiene, things will be different and many aspects of the temporary way of doing things may be challenging but we ask for your patience and cooperation. You will find below an outline of the practical points involved if you wish to attend church at this time.

- Do not come to church if displaying any COVID-19 symptoms. From 31st July, those who have been shielding and others who are generally vulnerable are advised to use extreme caution in public spaces and during interactions with others. Please follow relevant government guidance regarding isolation and booking a test if you have any of the symptoms. Many parishioners are nervous about coming out and it is perfectly understandable for people to wish to remain at home.
- Please do not feel obliged to attend church at this time if you have any concerns regarding your health – an online recording of our services will continue for foreseeable future.
- Please note that due to physical distancing restrictions, the number of people we are permitted to have in our churches is greatly reduced. We apologise in advance, but any additional numbers may not be admitted.
- Please do not congregate in car park or church porch.
- Please use hand sanitiser provided on entering and leaving church.
- On entering church, you will be directed to a pew (which may not be your normal seat) by one of the stewards. Please remain in your seat for the duration of the service and only sit with members of your own household.

- **Please complete the contact details sheet including your seat number. This is to facilitate contact tracing if required.**
- **Place the completed Contact Tracing sheet in the box beside the Exit**

- No hymn/prayer books are permitted although you may bring your own. There will be printed service sheets in the pews allocated for seating. At present Congregational singing is not permitted and we are also required make the Service shorter for health reasons.
- At all times please always observe relevant physical distancing.
- Toilets are open during the service however should you wish to use them please ensure you use the cleaning materials provided to wipe down surfaces after use.
- At the end of the service please follow the directions of the stewards. Do not leave your seat until directed to do so. We will operate a one-way system.
- There will be a retiring collection rather than our usual offering.
A box is provided at the Exit Door
- Please bring tissues with you if you require them and if used please dispose of properly in bin provided or bring them home. If you wish to wear a mask, please do so.
- Please be aware that for these measures to be successful additional time should be allowed on arrival.
- Due to strict cleaning requirements there will be limited access to the churches outside of Sundays - if you need access please contact the Rector.

***Finally, some parishioners have been putting aside their
Freewill Envelopes.***

Kindly bring them with you, if, or when you feel ready to return to Church.

***Alternatively, you can pop them or a crossed Cheque through the letter
box at the Parish Office or do a bank transfer or set up a Standing Order.***

(Use your Envelope Number as a reference)

***(If you need help with this – ring the Parish Office for guidance- 02866
329889)***