



# ROSSORRY

## PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday**  
**6th September 2020**  
**Thirteenth Sunday**  
**after TRINITY**

**PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL ON PAGES 11 & 12**

**—before the Service begins.**

**Please note- The wearing of Face Masks in Church,  
whilst not compulsory—is strongly recommended**

**MORNING PRAYER – 6th September 2020 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

*(Using the Book of Common Prayer - BCP)*

### **Introduction and Opening Hymn - 346**

**1.** Angel voices, ever singing  
round thy throne of light;  
angel harps, for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee,  
and confess thee,  
Lord of might.

**2.** Yea, we know that thou rejoices  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.

**3.** In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds, and hands and  
voices,  
in our choicest psalmody.

**4.** Honour, glory, might, and merit,  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessèd Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given,  
earth and heaven  
render thee.

*Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

*Music: E.G. Monk (1819-1900)*

### **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*

### ***BCP - page 101***

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***

Merciful Lord,  
Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
That we may be cleansed from all our sins,  
And serve you with a quiet mind;  
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 149.**

1. O sing to the Lord a new song; ■  
and sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
2. Let Israel rejoice in their maker; ■  
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
3. Let them praise his name in the dance; ■  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.
4. For the Lord has pleasure in his people ■  
and adorns the poor with salvation.
5. Let the faithful be joyful in glory; ■  
Let them rejoice in their ranks,

6. With the praises of God in their mouths ■  
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
7. To execute vengeance on the nations ■  
and punishment on the peoples;
8. To bind their kings in chains ■  
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
9. To execute on them the judgement decreed: ■  
such honour have all his faithful servants. Alleluia.

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 : Exodus 12: 1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **CANTICLE (HYMN 694)**

1. Glory, honour, endless praise  
here we offer, King of kings.  
You are source of all our being,  
Lord of all created things.
  2. Glory, honour, endless praises  
to the Lamb who has been slain:  
by your blood you ransomed  
sinners,  
set your people free again.
  3. Called to serve from every nation,  
kings and priests, we praise you,  
Lord,  
and to Father and to Spirit  
lift our hearts with one accord.
- Edwin Le Grice (1911-92)*

## **Second Reading: Matthew 18: 15-20**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Matthew, chapter 18,  
beginning at verse 15.*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>15</sup> If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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 342

1. Sweet is the solemn voice that calls  
the Christian to the house of prayer;  
I love to stand within its walls,  
For Christ the Lord is present there.
2. I love to tread the hallowed courts  
where two or three for worship meet,  
for there the Christ himself resorts,  
and makes the little band complete.
3. 'Tis sweet to raise the common song,  
to join in holy praise and love,  
and imitate the blessed throng  
that mingle hearts and songs above.
4. Within these walls may peace abound;  
may all our hearts in one agree;  
where Christians meet, where Christ  
is found,  
may peace and concord ever be.

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) altd*

Prayers

*BCP – pages 112-113*

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 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:

Help us to proclaim the good news of your love,

that all who hear it may be drawn to you;

through him who was lifted up on the cross,

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**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 431**

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesus, true and living bread!

Here for faith's discernment praying  
lest we fail to know thee now,  
here our deepest homage paying,  
we in loving reverence bow;  
alleluia, alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.

Now though lowliest form do veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
angels in thy mystery hail thee,  
we in worship join with them.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting, heavenly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with one hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb that died,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified!

**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](http://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](mailto: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 24th 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—  
26th SEPTEMBER 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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)***