



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 13th
September 2020
Fourteenth 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 – 13th September 2020 – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

(Using the Book of Common Prayer - BCP)

Introduction and Opening Hymn - 366

The Greeting

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him,
glorious I his faithfulness

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him,
widely as his mercy flows!

4. Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793 - 1847) altd.

Music: John Goss (1800 - 1880)

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*

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 103: 8-13

- 8** The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, ■
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9** He will not always accuse us, ■
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10** He has not dealt with us according to our sins, ■
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11** For as the heavens are high above the earth, ■
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, ■
so far has he set our sins from us.

13 As a father has compassion on his children, ■
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

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 14:19-31

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged* their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

CANTICLE (HYMN 712)

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

Words: *Timothy Dudley-Smith* (b. 1926)

Second Reading-Matthew 18: 21-35

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Matthew, chapter 18, beginning at verse 21.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister* from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Thought for the Day

Apostles' Creed

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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 660

1.Thine for ever! God of love,
hear us from thy throne above;
thine for ever may we be
here and in eternity.

2.Thine for ever! Lord of life,
shield us through our earthly strife;
thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
guide us to the realms of day.

3.Thine for ever! O how blessed
they who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

4.Thine for ever! Thou our Guide,
all our wants by thee supplied,
all our sins by thee forgiven,
lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

Mary F. Maude(1819-1913)

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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth,
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 647

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717 - 1791)

Music: John Hughes (1873 - 1932)

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**



Death of a Parishioner

We regret to announce the passing of
Raymond Thomas DICKSON
on Tuesday 8th September 2020,
(peacefully at home)
His funeral service was held at
Rossorry Parish Church at 2pm on
Thursday 10th September 2020
with burial in
Rossorry Churchyard.

HARVEST SERVICES for 2020



Due to current Covid restrictions on the use of our Church—there will be no Friday evening service this year.

Services will be :-

10am - Sunday 4th October 2020 will be a Service of the Word—suitable for all including families

7pm—Sunday 4th October 2020 will be a Harvest Thanksgiving of a more traditional format.

Please decide which suits best for you and your family.

Looking forward to having you join us.



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.

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—Saturday 31st October 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.

**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)***