



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 25th
October 2020
Fifth Sunday before
ADVENT**



**Love your
Neighbour
AS
You love
Yourself**

PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL ON

PAGE 12 —before the Service begins.

**Please note- The wearing of Face Masks
in Church, whilst not compulsory—is
strongly recommended and is Mandatory
for entering and leaving.**

MORNING PRAYER – 25th October 2020 – Fifth Sunday before Advent

(Using the Book of Common Prayer - BCP)

Introduction and Opening Hymn - 594

1. Lord of creation, to you be all praise!

Most might your working, most wondrous your
ways!

Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
And yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

2. Lord of all power, I give you my will,

In joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.

Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;
And, held in your keeping, my weakness is
strong.

3. Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,

Rich truth that surpasses my knowledge to find;

What eye has not seen and what ear has not
heard

Is taught by your Spirit and shines from your
word.

4. Lord of the bounty, I give you my heart;

I praise and adore you for all you impart,

Your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
Your presence to shield me, whatever
betide.

5. Lord of all being, I give you my all;

If e'er I disown you, I stumble and fall;

but, led in your service your word to obey.

I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Jack C Winslow (1882-1974)

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Sentence of Scripture

‘Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up
with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not
faint.

Isaiah 40:31

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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 1

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, ■
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord ■
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that do not wither, ■
whatever they do, it shall prosper.

- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ■
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, ■
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ■
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

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 –Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

The Old Testament reading is from the Book of Leviticus, beginning to read at verse 1.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer* among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood* of your neighbour: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CANTICLE (HYMN 515)

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one to another.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one to another.

Anon.

John 13: 34-35

Second Reading-Matthew 22: 34-36

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Matthew, Chapter 22,
beginning at verse 34.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' ³⁷ He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' ⁴³ He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' " ? ⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 525

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes,
may now your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise;
give us a fresh understanding
of brotherly love that is real,
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

Dave Bilbrough

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.**

O Lord, save the Queen; **and grant her 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 Fifth Sunday before Advent

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Help us to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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 517

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you.

Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

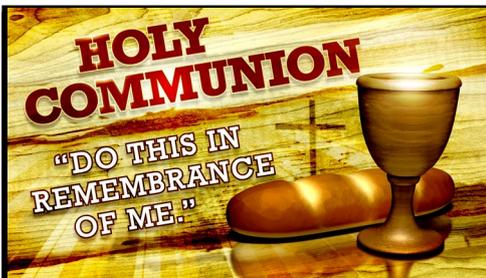
Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

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**



Next week -
Sunday 1st November 2020
at 10am -Holy Communion



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ASPIRE is the
Council's
employability
service,

providing support to people for getting or changing employment. It is a free-of-charge service to people who are either not currently in paid employment or else people who are in employment but would like to increase their hours of work.

ASPIRE, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's employability service, is currently active with new ways of working. ASPIRE staff are ready to help people apply for and secure jobs; support from the initial search through to the application and with interview preparation. ASPIRE also provide training courses and arrange work experience placements.

Contact ASPIRE on Enniskillen 028 66326478,
mobile 07799 471448

or email aspire@fermanaghomagh.com

Remembrance Sunday



A scene from a Western Front memorial, pictured during a pilgrimage led by the then Archbishops of Armagh in 2018.
Each year, cathedrals and parish churches across the Church of Ireland (alongside those of other denominations) hold services of remembrance, to remember those whose lives have been lost in conflict. You will be most welcome to join with us on
Sunday 8th November at 10am.
**(No Uniformed Organisations ,
unfortunately, this year,
due to restrictions.)**



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 (**Ros sorry Parish Church**) which you can follow at the time or at a time which is more suited to you or your family.





SHOEBOX TIME AGAIN !!

After all the joy of the Harvest

Thanksgiving—

we remember those in the world who have nothing but life in many places.

We can bring joy to the life of a child, somewhere, by a small act of Christian kindness.



Leaflets - with instructions etc. are in the porch for the next few weeks.

Completed shoeboxes can be left in the Church at anytime from now- but our formal presentation of the gift boxes will be on Sunday 8th November

(Remembrance Sunday) at 10am service.

They need to go away the next day for packing into the container to be shipped.



We are delighted to announce that Catherine Irwin is returning to be our parish Organist and Director of Music.

As you know, last year she felt it necessary to tender her resignation due to being unwell at that time. Now we are so pleased to know that she has returned to good health and her circumstances have completely changed.

The Select Vestry has most happily agreed to re-instate her, and we are so glad to have her distinctive musical talents offered once again to us in Rossorry.

The Rector

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.



AMOUNT £ :

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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.

The end of month Church door collection is now used by so few

people that there is no point in keeping it going.

If you are not ready yet to come to Church send your envelopes— with a friend, post them to the Office or drop them through the letterbox at the Office. If these don't work for you—please ring Gerry at the office (02866 329889) and another arrangement can be made.

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. Contact the Office for details.



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We have taken all necessary precautions to ensure that you can visit safely

CONFIDENCE MARK

Has been awarded to Rossorry Parish in recognition of the protocols put in place to ensure your safety whilst attending this Church.

Thank you for supporting our efforts at maintaining social distancing, wearing of masks and the use of the sanitiser on entry and exit.

- **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**

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.
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- 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.