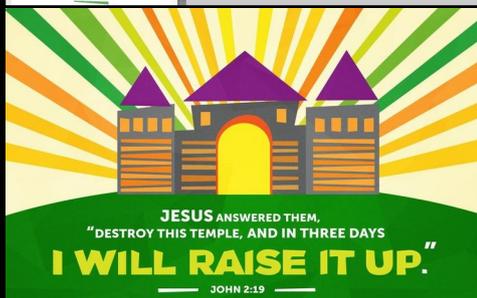




ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

Sunday
7th March 2021
The Third Sunday
in Lent



No Service in Church for the next few weeks, due to Covid restrictions

**Check online over the weekend for video of the recorded Service on Facebook :-
Rossorry Parish Church**

Welcome to Rossorry Parish Church for our service of Holy Communion on this 3rd Sunday in Lent - BCP page 201

HYMN 108

Praise to the Holiest in the height.....

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

4. and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

5. O generous love! that he who smote
in Man, for man, the foe,
the double agony in Man,
for man, should undergo;

6. and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-90)

Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us

Daniel 9: 9,10

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law
and the prophets.

Matthew 22: 37-39

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

CONFESSION

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

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.

Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to God's people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Collect for the 3rd Sunday in Lent

Merciful Lord,
 Grant your people grace to withstand
 the temptations of the world, the
 flesh and the devil and with pure
 hearts and minds to follow you, the
 only God;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect for the Season of Lent

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate
 nothing that you have made and
 forgive the sins of all those who are
 penitent:

Create and make in us new and contrite
 hearts that we, worthily lamenting our
 sins and acknowledging our
 wretchedness, may receive from you,
 the God of all mercy, perfect remission
 and forgiveness;

Amen.

The First Reading is from the Book of Exodus, chapter 20, beginning at verse 1.

Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before^{*} me.

4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation^{*} of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 You shall not murder.^{*}

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 606 As the deer pants for the water.....

1. As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.*

*You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

2. I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

3. You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a king.

I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

Words and Music: *Martin Nystrom* (b.1956)

THE GOSPEL

John 2: 13-22

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. John, Chapter 2,
beginning to read at verse 13.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

A REFLECTION

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true
God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have
no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray.

**Merciful Father,
accept these our prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own
righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to
gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is
always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear
Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his
body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

(please stand)

THE PEACE

Being justified by faith,
We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

HYMN 643**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the
night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true
word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

3. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for
the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high
tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my
power.

4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of heaven, when the battle is
done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's
sun,
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Early Irish
tr. *Mary Byrne* (1880-1931)
Versified *Eleanor Hull* (1860-1935)
Irish traditional melody

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and ever living God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin;
By whose grace we are able to overcome all our temptations:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image, male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of
his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

**Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy upon us,
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy upon us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord our God,
you feed us in this life with bread from heaven,
the pledge and foreshadowing of future glory.
Grant that the working of this sacrament within us
may bear fruit in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Christ gave you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves,
and to take up your cross and follow him:

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN 659

Onward Christian soldiers,

1. Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus
going on before!
Christ, the royal master,
leads against the foe;
forward into battle,
see, his banners go.

Refrain:

*Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus
going on before!*

2. At the name of Jesus
Satan's host doth flee;
on then, Christian soldiers,
on to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver
at the shout of praise;
lift your hearts and voices,
loud your anthems raise.

3. Crown and thrones may perish,
kingdoms rise and wane,
but the Church of Jesus
constant will remain;
gates of hell can never
'gainst that Church prevail;
we have Christ's own promise,
and that cannot fail.

4. Onward, then, ye people,
join our happy throng;
blend with ours your voices
in the triumph-song:
glory, laud, and honour,
unto Christ the King;
this through countless ages
men and angels sing.

Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ. Amen

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Next week's online Service

Sunday 14th March 2021
will be Morning Prayer

March magazine link

The Clogher Diocesan Magazine is now available online at:-

[cdm202103.pdf \(anglican.org\)](http://cdm202103.pdf(anglican.org))

Rossorry features on Pages 36-38



FREEWILL GIVING

Even though Services are once again online, throughout this period of the Pandemic, the Parish continues to have ongoing costs and your contribution is vital in sustaining its work and ministry.

It is therefore important that you continue to send or drop off (subject to current rules) your Freewill envelopes to the Parish Office.

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.

FREEWILL ENVELOPES FOR 2021

The Freewill envelopes for 2021 should have been delivered to the Parish Visiting Team in the past few weeks.

You should have received a letter from the Rector and next year's Envelopes (Yellow in colour).

Any problems or issues or if you are missed out—ring the Parish Office on 02866 329889 and let Gerry know.

Children and domestic abuse



National data suggest around one in seven women and one in sixteen men in the State have experienced severe domestic abuse. The same study found just 29% of women and 5% of men had reported abusive behaviour to the police. In Northern Ireland, police deal with around 2,500 reports of domestic abuse each month. At a time when families are restricted to home, where stress is so high and where normal routines and social connections are not possible, domestic abuse is a huge concern across our island. Anecdotal evidence suggests that domestic abuse has increased since the beginning of the pandemic. Women's Aid, for example, reported a 41% increase in the calls they received from the start of the Republic's restrictions to the end of November 2020. The Police Service of Northern Ireland responded to 549 more domestic abuse incidents in April and May last year than in the same months in 2019. If you are experiencing abuse or have concerns about a child in this situation, help and support is available by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency or through the following helpline:

Northern Ireland

The 24-hour Domestic and Sexual Abuse Helpline on **0808 802 1414**. Victim Support Northern Ireland provides a helpline on **028 9024 3133**, during office hours, and the UK-wide National Supportline can be called at any time on **0845 30 30 900**.

Safeguarding Trust is the Church of Ireland's Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children. *Adult Safeguarding* is the Church of Ireland's Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Adults at Risk.

All policy documents and supporting information are available on our Safeguarding website: www.sg.ireland.anglican.org

ANOTHER SCAM—this one affects Churches !!



A Rector elsewhere in NI has been contacted by several people who have received WhatsApp messages from someone pretending to be him, the message says he needs them to help a lady who is suffering from cancer and if they can go and get £300 in gift vouchers and send to a number provided. The messages are all signed off from the Rector concerned. He was alerted to this as one of the group picked up on the sign off which he wouldn't normally use on WhatsApp messages eg his full title. The people who have received the messages are all people who work in the Church i.e. Organist, Treasurer, Admin etc. and all their details including their mobile numbers are available on the church website. It is assumed that someone has visited the website and has picked these people out knowing they work closely with the rector. Thankfully no one paid any money but it is a concern as this could be the start of other church groups being targeted.

If you have any church groups or if you are part of a church forum could you highlight this potential scam please.

Our Rector / Admin Team would never approach any parishioner for a donation on Social Media - be Scam Aware !!!