



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 28th
March 2021
The Sixth Sunday
in LENT
PALM SUNDAY**



No Service in Church this Sunday, due to Covid restrictions

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

MORNING PRAYER – 28th March 2021 – The Sixth Sunday in LENT (Palm Sunday).

(Using the Book of Common Prayer - BCP)

Introduction and Opening Hymn - 134

1. Make way, make way, for Christ
the King
in splendour arrives.

Fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives.

*Make way, make way,
for the King of Kings;
make way, make way,
and let his kingdom in.*

2. He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free.

The deaf shall hear, the lame shall
dance,
the blind shall see.

3. And those who mourn with heavy
hearts,
who weep and sigh;
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.

4. We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him
their thrones must fall.

Words & Music: *Graham Kendrick* (b.1950)

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A Sentence of Scripture

'Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed'

1 Peter 2: 24

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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.**

CANTICLE (HYMN 223)

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord, we lift up your name,
with hearts full of praise.

Be exalted, O Lord my God,
hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings,
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.

Lord, we lift up your name,
with hearts full of praise.

Be exalted, O Lord my God,
glory to the King of kings.

Words and music by *Carl Tuttle*

The First Reading—Philippians 2: 5-11

*The First reading is from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians,
Chapter 2, beginning at verse 5.*

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 118 1-2, 19-29

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ■
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, ■
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ■
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; ■
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ■
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected ■
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, ■
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ■
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ■
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ■
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; ■
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God and I will thank you; ■
you are my God and I will exalt you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ■
his mercy endures for ever.

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

Gospel Reading-Mark 11: 1-11

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Mark,
Chapter 11, beginning at verse 1.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ' ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

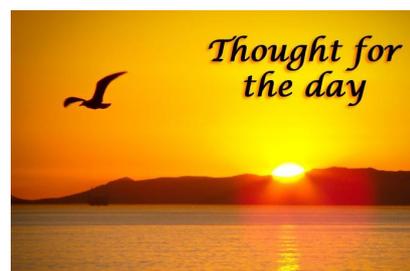
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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 217

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessed One.

Refrain

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.

Refrain

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

Refrain

*St. Theodulf of Orleans (d.821)
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

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 COLLECT for 6th Sunday in Lent

Almighty and everlasting God,
who, in your tender love towards the
human race, sent your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
Grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The 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;
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

Christ draw you to himself
and grant that you find in his cross
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven:

Blessing.

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

Amen.

HYMN 570

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.

3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day.

4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day.

Traditional
V.1 based on Matthew 25:8

Dismissal

The Lord bless us and protect us,
and share the abundance of life in your Name.

Amen.



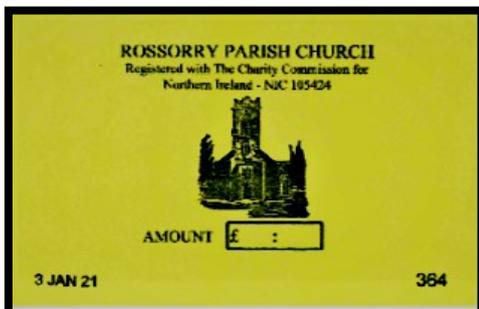
Good News!- In a statement released by the Bishops of the Church of Ireland in Northern Ireland, on St Patrick's Day, they announce that the time has come for a cautious return to in-person church services from Good Friday 2nd April.

We are therefore planning church services in Rossorry from Good Friday at 8pm and Easter Sunday at 10am—with all the usual Covid-19 protocols in place.

Easter Sunday will be Canon Ellis's last service as Rector of Rossorry (as he takes up the duties of Commissary on 5th April and will, hopefully, be Consecrated as Bishop on 27th April 2021) A short presentation of gifts to him will take place on Easter Sunday, immediately after the Service of Holy Communion



Numbers will continue to be strictly limited in keeping with the Social Distancing rules.



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.

Next week's Services:- (In CHURCH)

and published online.



Good Friday Service at 8pm

Sunday 4th April 2021 will be
10 am Holy Communion
for EASTER SUNDAY.



STATEMENT FROM THE CHURCH OF IRELAND BISHOPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND—ST PATRICK'S DAY 2021

Last year on St Patrick's Day, advice was issued to all our clergy with the unprecedented instruction that in the light of evolving Government advice, until further notice, all Sunday and midweek services should be suspended, and all Parish organisations and activities should cease. At that time, we had little knowledge of Covid-19 nor could we have imagined the devastating impact it would have upon the world, our country and on individual lives. We continue to remember in our prayers the sick, the bereaved, the isolated and fearful and also to give thanks to God for the courageous and sacrificial actions of our health care workers who have worked tirelessly in our hospitals and wider community to care for all whom the virus has impacted upon most directly.

A difficult year has passed, and a hard road has been travelled but we have reached a new junction. In person gatherings for worship and Parish organisations have been voluntarily suspended since early in January 2021, but we have decided that **the time has now come for a cautious and careful return to in-person church services from Good Friday (2nd April 2021).** This news will be warmly welcomed but is simply permissive rather than instructive. Some may wish to continue online and/or drive-in services for the time being due to their own local situation. From 1st April outdoor gatherings in a public space will allow for 10 people from 2 households to meet up. This therefore means that customary Easter Dawn services cannot take place this year in their normal form. Parish activities and meetings also remain suspended in the interim, but meetings of

General Vestry can take place at the close of Sunday worship as part of an in-person gathering. No changes have been made to the operation of church buildings as places of worship. Congregation numbers will continue for the time being to be limited according to 2 metre social distancing seating capacity. Parish officers must carry out a risk assessment and ensure that good mitigation is in place and that face coverings are worn by congregation members on their arrival and exit from the church building and throughout services. We all need to play our part in preventing any further transmission of Covid-19 within the community. Marriages and funerals will continue to take place in line with the current restrictions.

We note that the same position of a cautious return to in-person worship at Easter time has been adopted by the Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church and Roman Catholic Church and welcome the co-operation and strong working relationship between the churches.

The message of Easter is one of Hope. From the cross of Calvary to the empty tomb, from death to new life. Echoing the words of the First Minister yesterday, we would encourage everyone to reflect on the road we together have travelled and to continue to pray this Easter for recovery from the pandemic, healing, peace, and a renewed hope. As we journey onwards, we are mindful that we still have further to travel, but we do so trusting in our crucified and risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

+John Armagh, +Andrew Derry, +David Down and Dromore, +George Connor

Church Leaders' statement on the Centenary of the formation of Northern Ireland.

The Church Leaders, meeting today in Armagh (12 March), note the announcement regarding a Church service being planned for later this year to mark the Centenary of the partition of the island of Ireland and the formation of Northern Ireland.



The Church Leaders are deeply mindful that the events of 100 years ago evoke a range of responses from communities across these islands. For this reason, this point of reflection will provide an opportunity to affirm our common commitment to peace, healing and reconciliation.

The service will therefore be at the initiative of the Church Leaders and the Church Leaders will be wholly responsible for its planning, organisation and design.

On St Patrick's Day, the Church Leaders, the Rt Rev Dr David Bruce, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Most Rev John McDowell, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Rev Dr Thomas McKnight, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Most Rev Eamon Martin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, and the Very Rev Dr Ivan Patterson, President of the Irish Council of Churches, will make a significant announcement together about their prayers and work throughout this year.

CENTENARY PRAYER

Sovereign, wise and gracious God, in whose hands lie the past, present and future, we acknowledge before you our failures, our divisions, and the hurt we have caused you and one another. Forgive, restore, and heal us. The events of partition and formation, which took place one hundred years ago on this island, changed, shaped, and determined the outlook for this place which we all call home. As we reflect upon those times and bring to mind what happened then and in the years since, we acknowledge before you our different and often polarised interpretations of history. As we travel onwards in our journey, may we learn from the experiences of the past and from those who trod these roads before us, so that the inheritance we pass on to the next generation is the gift of understanding, peace, and hope. In faith we pray, and humbly ask, in the name of him who is the light of the world and giver of all hope, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church Leaders Group

The Church Leaders Group comprises the Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic Primate of All Ireland, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, and the President of the Irish Council of Churches.