



# ROSSORRY

## PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 11th  
April 2021  
The Second  
Sunday of Easter**



Jesus said peace be with you  
as the Father has sent me  
I am sending you.  
John 20:21

**If you cannot attend in person—  
then check online over the weekend  
for video of the recorded Service  
on Facebook: -**

**Rossorry Parish Church**

**PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL  
(Copy in the Seat)**

### **MORNING PRAYER – 11th April 2021 – The Second Sunday of Easter**

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

#### **Introduction and Opening Hymn - 652**

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed  
us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er  
us,  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before  
us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
self denying, death defying,  
thou to Calvary didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*James Edmeston (1791-1867) altd.*

#### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

#### **A Sentence of Scripture**

***'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great  
mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ from the dead.'***

*1 Peter 1: 3*

***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.**

## **CANTICLE (HYMN 695)**

1. God of mercy, God grace,  
show the brightness of your face;  
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
fill your Church with light divine;  
and your saving health extend  
to the earth's remotest end.

2. Let the peoples praise you, Lord!  
Be by all that live adored;  
let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Saviour King;  
at your feet their tribute pay  
and your holy will obey.

3. Let the peoples praise you, Lord!  
Earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to us his blessing give,  
we to God devoted live:  
all below, and all above,  
one in joy and light and love.

Words: *Henry Francis Lyte* (1793-1847) altd.  
based on Canticle 'Deus Misereatur' (Psalm 67)  
Music: *Henry Smart* (1813-79)

## **The First Reading—Isaiah 26: 2-9, 19**

*The First reading is from the book of the Prophet, Isaiah,  
Chapter 26, beginning at verse 2.*

<sup>2</sup> Open the gates,  
so that the righteous nation that keeps faith  
may enter in.

<sup>3</sup> Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—  
in peace because they trust in you.

<sup>4</sup> Trust in the LORD for ever,  
for in the LORD GOD  
you have an everlasting rock.

<sup>5</sup> For he has brought low  
the inhabitants of the height;  
the lofty city he lays low.  
He lays it low to the ground,  
casts it to the dust.

<sup>6</sup> The foot tramples it,  
the feet of the poor,  
the steps of the needy.

<sup>7</sup> The way of the righteous is level;  
O Just One, you make smooth the path of the righteous.  
<sup>8</sup> In the path of your judgements,  
O LORD, we wait for you;  
your name and your renown  
are the soul's desire.  
<sup>9</sup> My soul yearns for you in the night,  
my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.  
For when your judgements are in the earth,  
the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.  
<sup>19</sup> Your dead shall live, their corpses\* shall rise.  
O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy!  
For your dew is a radiant dew,  
and the earth will give birth to those long dead.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 133

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is ■  
to dwell together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, ■  
running down upon the beard,
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard, ■  
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon ■  
running down upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: ■  
even life for evermore.

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- John 20: 19-31

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. John,  
Chapter 20, beginning at verse 19.*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

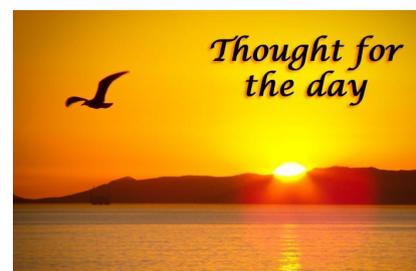
<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Thought for the Day**



## Apostles' Creed

*BCP – page 112*

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 523

1. Help us to help each other, Lord,  
each other's cross to bear;  
let us our friendly aid afford  
and show our loving care.

2. Help us to build each other up,  
our little stock improve;  
increase our faith, confirm our hope,  
and perfect us in love.

3. Up into thee, our living Head,  
let us in all things grow,  
till thou hast made us free indeed,  
and spotless here below.

4. Touched by the loadstone of thy  
love,  
let all our hearts agree;  
and ever toward each other move,  
and ever move toward thee.

5. To thee, inseparably joined,  
let all our spirits cleave;  
O may we all the loving mind  
that was in thee, receive.

6. This is the bond of perfectness,  
thy spotless charity;  
O let us still, we pray, possess  
the mind that was in thee.

Words: *Charles Wesley (1707-88)* 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.**

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.**

**COLLECT for 2nd Sunday of Easter**

Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins

and to rise again for our justification:

Grant us so to put away the leaven

of malice and wickedness

that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son

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**

God the Father,  
By whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
Raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life:

#### **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 305

1. O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power;  
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.
  
2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness re-make us,  
revive, restore, for this we plead.
  
3. O Breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in every part.
  
4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,  
equip your church to spread the light.

*Elizabeth (Betty) A.P. Head (1850-1936)*

### **Dismissal**

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

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**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.**

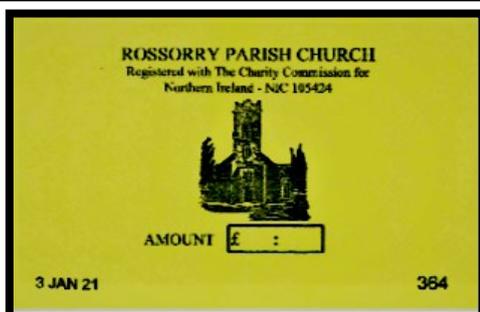
**Sunday services (Morning Prayer and Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of the Month) will continue to be held in Rossorry Church with a recording available later on our Facebook page, kindly delivered by visiting Clergy and Diocesan Lay Readers.**



**This Sunday—Mr Karl Saunders**



**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 bring your Freewill envelopes to Church on Sundays or send or drop off (subject to current rules) 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.

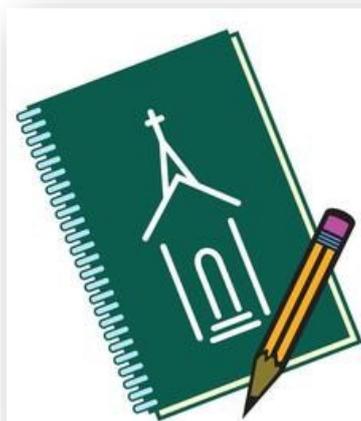
You should have received a letter from the Rector and next year's Envelopes **(Yellow in colour)**.

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.



Sunday 18th April 2021  
**MORNING PRAYER**



# **Annual Vestry Meeting**

## **EASTER GENERAL VESTRY—2021—ARRANGEMENTS**

A Vestry will be held on Thursday the 15th day of APRIL 2021 at 7.30 pm, in Rossorry Parish Church, following a short Service of Evening Prayer.

‘for the purpose of Electing Churchwardens, Glebewardens and Select Vestrymen, for the current year, and further to transact such business as is within their cognizance, connected with the Management and Sustentation of the Parish’.

All Parishioners are invited and welcome to attend at this annual meeting to select the Vestry for 2021 -2022.

*(N.B. -only those on the list of Registered Vestry Members are entitled to vote at the meeting)*

# 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.*