



ROSSORRY PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 18th

April 2021

The Third

Sunday of Easter

*If you know that He is righteous you
know that everyone who does what is
right has been born of Him*

1 John 2:29

**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)**

(Using the Book of Common Prayer - BCP)

Introduction and Opening Hymn - 263

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne,
hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his wondering
eye
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of life
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife,
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

6. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-94)
and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)
Music: George J. Elvey (1816-93)

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 270)

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
what joy the blessed assurance gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everlasting head.

2. He lives, to bless me with His love;
he lives, to plead for me above;
he lives, my hungry soul to feed,
He lives, to help in time of need.

3. He lives, and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives, my mansion to prepare;
he lives, to bring me safely there.

4. He lives, all glory to His name;
he lives, my Saviour, still the same;
what joy the blessed assurance gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Samuel Medley (1738-99)

The First Reading—Micah 4: 1-5

*The First reading is from the book of the Prophet, Micah,
Chapter 4, beginning at verse 1.*

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
² and many nations shall come and say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

³ He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;
for ever and ever.

⁴ but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

⁵ For all the peoples walk,
each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; ■
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; ■
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?

3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; ■
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not; ■
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness ■
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There are many that say, ‘Who will show us any good?’ ■
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, ■
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, ■
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

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

The Second Reading– 1 John 2: 28—3: 7

*The Second Reading is taken from the first book of John,
Chapter 2, beginning at verse 28.*

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming.

²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who does right has been born of him.

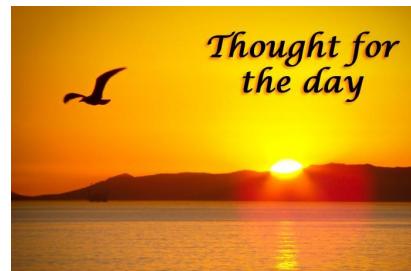
3 ¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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 224

1 .How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss :
the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many sons to glory!

2. Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart –
his wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend

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.**

COLLECT for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
Give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened
and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and 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

Ending with....

Merciful Father,
Accept these our prayers
For the sake of your Son.
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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 288

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Words: *Edmond Budry (1854-1932)*
tr. R.B. Hoyle (1875-1939)

Dismissal

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

Amen.

Good News!!!

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.

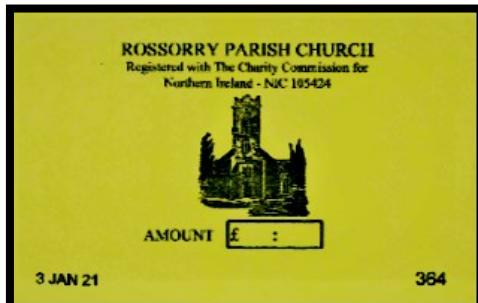


This Sunday—Mr Karl Saunders
and

Mr Nick Hambly



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 25th April 2021
MORNING PRAYER



Statement by the Archbishop's Commissary for the Diocese of Clogher

The Archbishop's Commissary for Clogher Diocese, the Revd Canon Ian Ellis, has issued the following statement:

'We in the Diocese of Clogher, join with the Archbishop in praying for Her Majesty the Queen and members of the Royal Family upon the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

'We look back most fondly to the 2012 Royal visit by Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, to Enniskillen for a service in St Macartin's Cathedral followed by the remarkable crossing of the street to visit St Michael's Roman Catholic Church. The manner of this gesture by the Royal couple in reaching across the divide, coupled with the warmth of the welcome by the local community has done so much in breaking down traditional community barriers.



'The work of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has also achieved so much in developing skills and confidence in the lives of countless young people through our schools and youth organisations.'

NOTE OF THANKS FROM CANON IAN AND HEATHER

Heather and I would like to thank the Churchwardens, Select Vestry and parishioners of Rossorry Parish for the lovely farewell event held at the conclusion of Easter Sunday's Holy Communion Service. We were both very moved by the occasion, both by Nigel Irwin's kind words and the lovely presentations made to us.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the Select Vestry and Churchwardens for the beautiful print of the church and the gift cheque presented to us on behalf of the parishioners of the parish. We were simply astounded by your generosity and thank you most sincerely for your kindness.

Thank you also to the various parish organisations who made individual presentations: Sunday School, Choir, Mothers' Union, Prayer Group, Wednesday Club, Guiding Organisations, Scout Groups, Parent and Toddler Group, Bowling Club, and the Parish Readers. We really appreciate all your thoughtful gifts and kind messages.

As we said on the day, we have so many memories to treasure of our time in Rossorry; we thank you again for your friendship and helpfulness as we worked together in this parish. We look forward to coming among you hopefully many times again in the future.

With kindest good wishes and renewed thanks.

Canon Ian and Heather

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 Primates 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.