

Sunday 24th OCTOBÉR 2021

The Fifth Sunday before Advent



What do you want Jesus to do for you?
(Mark 10:46-52)

If you cannot attend in person—then check online on Monday for video of the recorded Service on Facebook: -Rossorry Parish Church

PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL

Opening Hymn - 325

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour moving in this place. he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, he comes to cleanse and heal, to

minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;

be still, for the power of the Lord is

Dave Evans (bl957)

based on Exodus 3: 1-6

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Sentence of Scripture

'Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth'.

Psalm 124:7

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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

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.

please stand

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.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31: 7-9

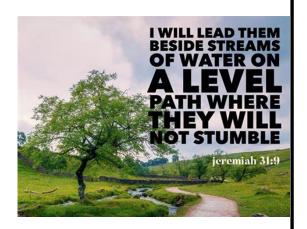
The Old Testament Reading is from the Book of the Prophet, Jeremiah Chapter 31, beginning to read from verse 7.

⁷This is what the LORD says:

'Sing with joy for Jacob;
shout for the foremost of the nations.
Make your praises heard, and say,
"LORD, save your people,
the remnant of Israel."

⁸ See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labour; a great throng will return.

They will come with weeping;
 they will pray as I bring them back.
 I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.



This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN 52

Christ, whose glory filled the skies

- 1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night; Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-spring, in my heart appear.
- 2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.
- 3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788).

Gospel Reading

Mark 10: 46-52

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour, Christ, according to St Mark, Chapter 10, beginning to read from verse 46.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means 'son of Timaeus'), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'

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m 49}$ Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.'

So they called to the blind man, 'Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.' ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ 'What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.'

52 'Go,' said Jesus, 'your faith has healed you.'
Immediately he received his sight and
followed Jesus along the road.



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 642

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound!)

- 1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound!) that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved: how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
 I have already come;
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

- **4.** The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- **5.** Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

John Newton (1725 – 1807) based on Ephesians 2: 4-8 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 today; 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

(The Intercessions will normally include prayer for: the universal Church of God, the nations of the world ,the local community, those in need and remembrance of, and thanksgiving for, the faithful departed)

Ending with....

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

Ending

Going out as God's People

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

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 218

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood?......

- 1. And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain; for me, who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
- **3.** Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night: thine eye diffused a quickening ray I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was free. I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
- 2. He left his Father's throne above so free, so infinite his grace emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me!
- **4.** No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine! Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

in the name of Christ. Amen



THIS SUNDAY—in CHURCH MORNING PRAYER

Mrs Joan Nelson.

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

Next week's Service in Church -Sunday 31st October 2021 will be a Service of Morning Prayer

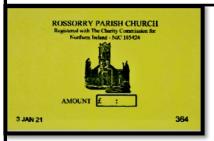


Mr Harry Anderson

Howe About That!

A story by Niall Howe (son of Canon Howe –former Rector of Rossorry) about his adventures and misadventures of his childhood in the Rectories where Canon Howe was based.

A beautiful look at life around a Rectory from a child's point of view and a very interesting look into life from over 60 years ago.



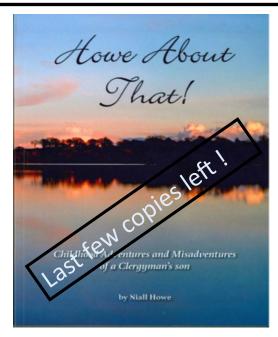
FREEWILL GIVING

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.

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Just published and available to buy for £10.

(At least 25% of any profit to the 'Fields of Life' Charity.)

If you would like a copy—

Please contact Gerry in the Parish Office (02866 329889) or email:-

rossoryoffice@btinternet.com

and I will get one out to you or



Samaritan's <u>Purse</u> Shoeboxes.

It is time again to prepare the Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes to send off to children all round the world who can expect nothing at Christmas, apart from the gift of a shoebox, "full of treasure", from a kind Christian like yourselves.

The leaflet with instructions and guidance about contents are available, from Churchwardens, in the front porch of the Church.

Gifts will be dedicated at the Service of Morning Prayer in Church on Sunday 28th

November 2021 (they must be in by then to allow time to ship them around the world).



The clocks **go back** 1 hour at 2am on next Sunday (31st)

It may feel like a long time since the blue skies of summer, but the moment when the clocks go back marks the end of British Summer Time (BST).

Good news - it also means an extra hour in bed.

Churches and the Afghan crisis.



Tuesday, 26th October 2021: 2.00pm – 4.00pm (online)

How should the Churches and Christians respond to the Afghan crisis in ways that can make a real difference in the lives of those impacted by this tragedy? This question will be considered by the Churches' Refugee Network at its annual meeting, where attendees will hear from Welcome Churches and Refugees at Home – two organisations which are involved in addressing the crisis.

The network will also be hearing from the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal, Leader of the Church of Sanctuary project, who will explore strategies from a policy perspective. Finally, Brussels—based Dr Torsten Moritz, General Secretary of the Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe, will discuss how Churches in continental Europe are responding to the crisis.

You're welcome to register your attendance at this link.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpf-GsqjguEtHJOHOerSfbeGT7-VSRum2E

Shared on behalf of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue. The Churches' Refugee Network forms part of the work of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

General Synod Leads the Church of Ireland's Response to the Glasgow Climate Conference by Rev Trevor Sargent.

Taking place in Glasgow in the first two weeks of this November, the COP26 United Nations conference will bring together world leaders to put in place an updated and urgent strategy to combat and adapt to the accelerating climate emergency. Climate change requires both urgent action and long-term

sustained commitment. Whatever the outcome of COP26, it is our vital duty, as disciples of the Prince of Peace, that we push for solutions, and meanwhile, 'take the log out of our own eye, before we take the speck out of our neighbour's eye', to paraphrase Jesus (Matthew 7:5). Synod & COP26 singing off the same hymn-sheet

Members of General Synod will recall the address by the Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh & Primate of All Ireland, who spoke as follows: "In some ways we have made a good start as a Church, completing our divestment from the extraction of fossil fuels by the end of this year, therefore meeting its target date of 2022. This fulfils a commitment made in resolution of the General Synod in 2018. But this is not the whole

story. Far from it. Investments are one thing, and difficult enough to get right in this regard. The whole life of the Church, particularly in our parishes, where our main work and witness takes place is quite another. Not least if we are to be responsible ancestors, never mind have any credibility as the People of God with the younger generation, we will need to take environmental sensitivity and action into our everyday life as a Church. To ensure that a carbon footprint assessment of our parish and personal activities is as natural to us as an Easter Vestry return and that we act on its results. We cannot honestly challenge governments without also challenging ourselves. The Church of Ireland cannot solve the climate crisis. However, unless we take seriously how we can do what little we can to contribute to that solution, whether that's making zero carbon a parish target (and asking young people to help us do so) or changing our personal life style, our credibility with another generation depends on our willingness to do so. I know that the Church and Society Commission (CASC) are in the process of giving that effort some organising principles in tools in a conference being planned for the spring of next year, and I wish them well in that."