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**SUNDAY 7th** 

The 3rd Sunday

before ADVENT

#### **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?

**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!

**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.

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.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

'Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near .' Isaiah 55:6

# **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.

Lord, have mercy on us,

## and write these your laws in our hearts.

Matthew 22: 37-39

## 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.

## THE GLORIA

THE COLLECT

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.

# Collect for the 3rd Sunday before Advent.

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# THE FIRST READING

# HEBREWS 9: 24-28

*The first Reading is from the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 9, reading from verse 24.* 

<sup>24</sup> For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. <sup>25</sup> Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. <sup>26</sup> Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

# This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

**GRADUAL HYMN 39** 

# Take my life and let it be ......

 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

 Take my hand, and let them move, at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my king; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose. **4.** Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

**5.** Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store: take myself, and I will be ever, only, all, for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)

# THE GOSPEL

(sung acclaimation)

Mark 12: 38-44

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Mark, Chapter 12, beginning to read at verse 38.

# Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>38</sup> As he taught, Jesus said, 'Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the market-places, <sup>39</sup> and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.'

<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few pence.

<sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

(sung acclaimation)

# The SERMON



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

(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.

### THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your 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)

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

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

THE PEACE

HYMN 411	Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
	<b>1.</b> Draw near and take the body of the Lord and drink by faith the blood for you outpoured:
	<b>2.</b> Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood, with souls refreshed we render thanks to God.
	<b>9.</b> He feeds the hungry with the bread of heaven and living streams to those who thirst are given.
	<b>10.</b> Alpha and Omega, to whom shall bow, all at the Judgement Day, is with us now.
	From 7 <sup>th</sup> -century Latin Bangor Antiphonary tr. <i>John Mason Neale</i> (1818-66)
	THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
therefore let us The Lord is here. His Spirit is with Lift up your hear We lift them to the Let us give thank It is right to give Father, almighty at all times and i it is right to give And so with all y and with all the for ever praising Holy, holy, holy	ts. the Lord. ts to the Lord our God. our thanks and praise. and ever living God, n all places you thanks and praise: our people, with angels and archangels, company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, you and saying:
Blessed is he wh Hosanna in the l	o comes in the name of the Lord. 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

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 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.

# THE BLESSING

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

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

# (sung) AMEN

# HYMN 593

O Jesus, I have promised To serve thee to the end; .....

 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend.
 I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend. 5. O let me see thy foot-marks, and in them plant mine own; my hope to duly follow is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

Words: John E. Bode (1816-74) Music: W.H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

in the name of Christ. Amen

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Howe About Howe About	A Quiet Day		
That! 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	Canon David Ferry has been invited to act as the Witness at a Quiet Day, planned for Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> November. David will lead two contemplations based on words of God from the Bible and hold times of quietness for prayer. Bishop Ellis has extended the invitation to the diocese, and friends are welcome to join together for the morning. Please book with the parish office as numbers are limited. 9.30am Registration. Coffee served. <i>Parish Hall</i> 10am First Contemplation <i>St John's</i>		
from over 60 years ago.	11am Stretch break		
Just published and available to buy for £10. (At least 25% of any profit to the 'Fields of Life' Charity.)	11.20am Second contemplation ending with shorter Holy Communion. St John's		
, .	12.30am Soup Lunch served. Parish Hall		
If you would like a copy—	No fee, however small donation welcome.		
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and I will get one out to you <u>or</u> for collection in Church	for further details and booking.		
ARRANGMENTS FOR THE PARISH			
DURING THE VACANCY			
As the Parish will be officially vacant from 5th April 2021 onwards the			
following arrangements will be in place for Pastoral Cover and the			
running of the Parish.			
• The Rural Dean (Rev. John Woods – who can be contacted at 02882 840863), will be in charge of the Parish during the vacancy.			
• PASTORAL COVER (Weddings, Christenings and Funerals) will be undertaken by Dean Hall of St. Macartin's Cathedral, who can be contacted on 02866 322465.			
<ul> <li>CHURCH SERVICES will be taken by visiting Clergy or Lay Readers appointed by the Diocesan Office.</li> </ul>			

The Parish Office will continue to operate for advice or assistance (02866 329889) and for receiving Freewill Envelopes etc.