ROSSORRY PARISH CHURCH Sunday 27th March 2022 The 4th Sunday in LENT (Mothering Sunday)



Please note- The wearing of Face Masks for entering /leaving is not compulsory but whilst in Church is <u>strongly</u> <u>recommended for all</u> (with Medical Exceptions)

### INTRODUCTION .

For many years the Fourth Sunday in Lent has been observed as Mothering Sunday. The tradition arose from a sentence in St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, which for many centuries was read in the Epistle of this Sunday: in it St Paul writes of "Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all". So, on this day we give thanks to God who gives us New Birth, and for the Church which, like a mother, nurtures us in the life of the Spirit. We also give thanks for our own human mothers, and for all the qualities of mothering, given and received in this congregation.

#### <u>HYMN 346</u>

# Angel voices, ever singing round thy throne of light; ......

 Angel voices, ever singing round thy throne of light; angel harps, for ever ringing, rest not day nor night; thousands only live to bless thee, and confess thee, Lord of might.

2. Yea, we know that thou rejoices o'er each work of thine; thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design; craftsman's art and music's measure for thy pleasure all combine. **3.** In thy house, great God, we offer of thine own to thee; and for thine acceptance proffer, all unworthily, hearts and minds, and hands and voices, in our choicest psalmody.

4. Honour, glory, might, and merit, thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given, earth and heaven render thee.

Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909) Music: E.G. Monk (1819-1900)

#### The Greeting

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

#### A Sentence of Scripture

'The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;, a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise'. Psalm 51:17

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.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

#### 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

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.** 

(please stand)

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.

(Psalm 100)

Jubilate..... **1.** O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

CANTICLE

**2.** Know that the Lord he is God; it is he who has made us and we are his we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

> **3.** Come into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his holy name.

> **4.** For the Lord is good his loving mercy is for ever, his faithfulness throughout all generations.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

# The First Reading—Colossians 3: 12-17

The First reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians, Chapter 3, reading from verse 12.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and

patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, you. which binds them all together in perfect unity.

**Clothe yourselves** with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. **Colossians 3:12** 

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

HYMN 503

#### Make me a Channel of your peace: .....

1. Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred let me bring your love, where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you: *O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul!* 

2. Make me a channel of your peace; where there's despair in life let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy: O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul!

**3.** Make me a channel of your peace: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

> Words & Music : *Sebastian Temple* (1928-97) based on The Prayer of Francis of Assissi

# Gospel Reading—Luke 2: 33-35

# (Sung Acclamation)

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Luke, Chapter 2, beginning at verse 33.

# Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so



that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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

(Sung Acclamation)

# Thought for the Day



### Apostles' Creed

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 543 Lord of the home, your only Son received a mother's tender love, .....

 Lord of the home, your only Son received a mother's tender love, and from an earthly father won, his vision of your home above.

2. Help us, O Lord, our homes to make your Holy Spirit's dwelling-place; our hands and hearts' devotion take to be the servants of your grace. **3.** May we with joy our homes prepare that, were our Lord a child once more, he might be glad our hearth to share and find a welcome at our door.

 Lord, may your Spirit sanctify each household duty we fulfil ; may we our Master glorify in glad obedience to your will.

Albert F. Bayly (1901-84)

#### **Prayers**

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 COLLECTS

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent.	LENTEN COLLECT			
Lord God whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: Give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	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 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

# Going out as God's People

# Ending

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, Fill you with joy and peace:

### 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 361

#### Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices, ......

 Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who, from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessèd peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

**3.** All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)

#### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ, Amen.

> <u>You may now leave by either door (main door or Trancept)</u> <u>– but please—no bunching up !!</u>



# <u>This morning's service will</u> <u>be a service of Morning Prayer</u>

<u>Rev. Colin Brownsmith</u> with



Mrs. Sarah Maguire

#### <u>Next SUNDAY 3rd April 2022</u> will be a Service of Holy Communion



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#### Church of Ireland General Synod to meet in Belfast

The Church of Ireland General Synod's 2022 meeting will take place from Wednesday, 4th May, to Friday, 6th May, in Assembly Buildings, Belfast. This will be the second

meeting of the fifty–second General Synod, and the venue will facilitate the first in–person meeting of General Synod since 2019 when it met in Derry/Londonderry.

The General Synod consists of a House of Bishops with 11 members and a House of Representatives, which currently has a membership of 648 – 216 clerical members and 432 lay members who are elected by the diocesan synods and who hold office for a three–year period.

The primary purpose of the Synod is to enact legislation for the whole Church of Ireland. Less formal proposals are submitted as motions which, if approved, become resolutions. The Synod also receives reports from various committees and boards, which are debated by the members. ART CLASS

GOOD NEWS !

Eddie is back after his illness and Classes began again on Friday 18th March (afternoon) in the Committee Room of the Parish Hall. There are a few spaces left ! Ring Yvonne for details on 02866 342514

# STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS

URGENT UKRAINE APPEAL TO THE



PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ROSSORRY

If any Parishioner or Friend of Rossorry Parish Church wishes to help with a donation – please direct it to the:– Rossorry Parish Office. 20, Drummee Road, Enniskillen, BT74 5JX

Cheques should be made payable to "Rossorry Parish Church"

(Please include a brief note of your name and that it is for the Bishops' Appeal (Ukraine) and not part of your Freewill Offering.)

LENTEN CALENDAR		FERMANAGH CHURCHES FORUM	
2nd March 2022	ASH WEDNESDAY	<u>Lenten Lunches and Reflections</u> <u>12.30pm to 1.30pm</u>	
10th April 10.00am		9th March	Mc Arthur Hall Methodist Church
Palms	16th March	The Bridge Centre Presbyterian Church	
15th April 8.00pm	-	23rd March	St. Macartin's Hall Enniskillen Cathedral
8.00pm A Service of Words and Music for Good Friday	30th March	St. Michael's Community Centre Belmore St. beside Mount Lourdes.	
17th April	EASTER SUNDAY	Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.	
10.00am	Service of Holy Communion	No charge—but donations to Christian Aid & Trocaire	

#### Andrew has released a CD

Our very own Andrew Irwin has released his debut CD, 'Lough Erne's Shore'.

Whilst taking over the weekly Church music list for Rossorry during lockdown in 2020, he was also busy preparing the album. The album consists entirely of songs with a connection to Ireland.

The 5 Songs From County Fermanagh, that have been newly



arranged by Irish musician Neil Martin for the CD, have particular local interest. These are songs that have never been arranged

classically for piano and voice, and in releasing them, Andrew has created a lasting legacy for Fermanagh music.

Other favourites include Danny Boy, Carrickfergus and the Mountains of Mourne. The 15 track CD costs £15, and can be ordered by contacting :-

#### The Parish Office on 02866 329889

(can be collected at the Office or left at Church for you)