

(Parish Reader)

HYMN 643	IYMN 643 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,	
<b>1.</b> Be thou my vision, O	Lord of my	
heart,		
naught be all else to me, save that		
thou art;		3. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword
thou my best thought in	າ the day and	for the fight;
the night,		be thou my armour, and be thou my
waking or sleeping, thy	presence my	might;
light.		thou my soul's shelter, and thou my
		high tower,
2. Be thou my wisdom,	be thou my	raise thou me heavenward, O Power of
true word,		my power.
l ever with thee, and the	ou with me,	
Lord;		Early Irish
thou my great Father, an	nd I thy true	tr. <i>Mary Byrne</i> (1880-1931)
heir;		Versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)
thou in me dwelling, an	d I in thy care.	Irish traditional melody
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The Lord be with you and also with you.		
A Sentence of Scripture	2	

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

Psalm 124:7

#### **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.

# CONFESSION

Matthew 22: 37-39

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.

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, vou 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 8th Sunday after Trinity

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who observe and keep your law: Help us to seek you with our whole heart, to delight in your commandments and to walk in the glorious liberty given us by your Son, Jesus Christ.

## Amen.

## THE FIRST READING

## ISAIAH 1: 1, 10-20

The first Reading is from the Book of the Prophet, Isaiah, Chapter 1, reading from verse 1.

The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> 'The multitude of your sacrifices – what are they to me?' says the LORD. 'I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

<sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?

<sup>13</sup> Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations – I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. <sup>14</sup> Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals, I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!

<sup>16</sup> Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong.

<sup>17</sup> Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

<sup>18</sup> 'Come now, let us settle the matter,' says the LORD.
'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land;
<sup>20</sup> but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.'

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# GRADUAL HYMN 570 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, ......

<ol> <li>Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, give me oil in my lamp, I pray; give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, keep me burning till the break of day.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,</li> <li>give me joy in my heart, I pray;</li> <li>give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,</li> <li>keep me praising till the break of day.</li> </ul>
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!	<ul> <li>Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,</li> <li>give me peace in my heart, I pray;</li> <li>give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,</li> <li>keep me loving till the break of day.</li> </ul>

# THE GOSPEL

(sung acclaimation) Luke 12: 32-40

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Luke, Chapter 12, beginning to read at verse 32.

# Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>32</sup> 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> 'Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. <sup>38</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds the comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. <sup>39</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.'

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

(sung acclaimation)

<u>The SERMON</u>



#### **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.

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 517**

**1.** Brother, sister, let me serve you,

let me be as Christ to you.

Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my servant, too.

 We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. 3. I will hold the Christ-light for youin the night-time of your fear;I will hold my hand out to you,speak the peace you long to hear.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, ......

4. I will weep when you are weeping;when you laugh I'll laugh with you.I will share your joy and sorrowtill we've seen this journey through.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE PEACE

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

Father, almighty and ever living God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise: And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the 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.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

#### THE COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fulness of your life;

glory to you for ever. 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 647 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, .....

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,

pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty;

hold me with thy powerful hand:

bread of heaven,

feed me now and evermore.

**2.** Open now the crystal fountain,

whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fiery, cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through:

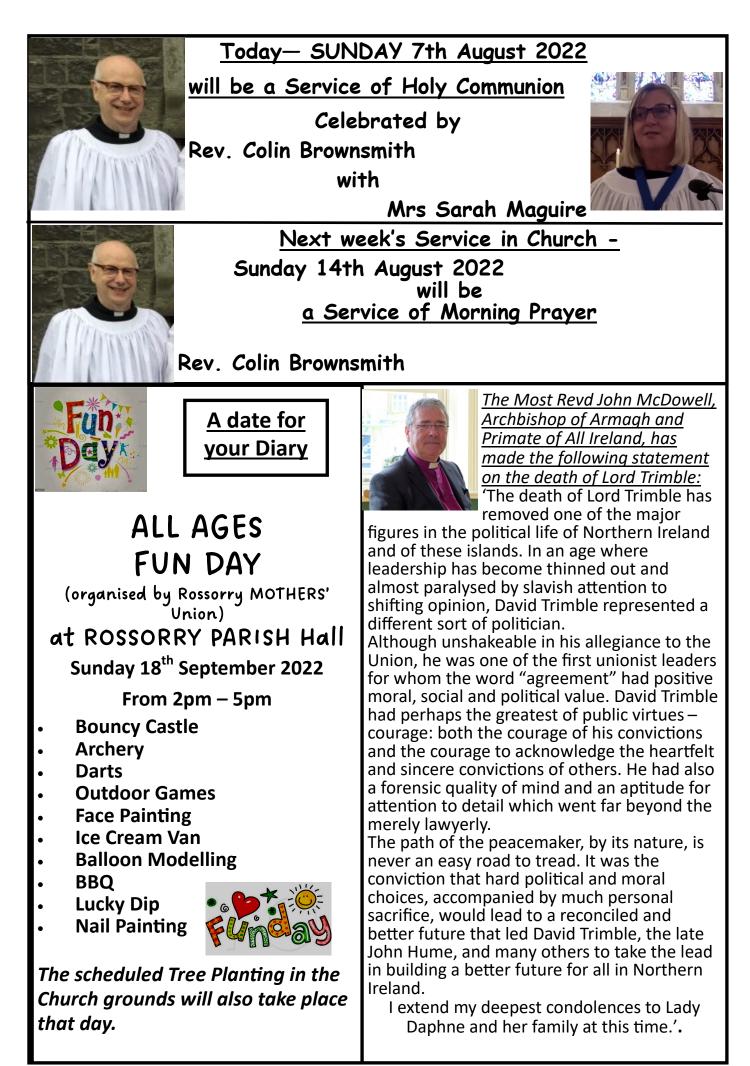
strong deliverer,

be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordon, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717 - 1791) Music: John Hughes (1873 - 1932)

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



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