

# Sunday 23rd OCTOBER The Fifth Sunday before Advent



Please note- The wearing of Face Masks for entering /leaving is not compulsory but whilst in Church is now a matter of personal choice.

#### **HYMN 294**

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine........

- 1. Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
  O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- **3.** Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing; true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- **4.** And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till we become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) trans. Richard Frederick Littledale, (1833-90) Music: R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

#### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.
A Sentence of Scripture

'Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near'

Isaiah 55:6

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 abd 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.

- **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.
- **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 shall be for ever. Amen.

#### THE FIRST READING

2 TIMOTHY 4: 6-8, 16-18

The first Reading is from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy, Chapter 4, reading from verse 6.

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup> At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

#### **PSALM 84: 1-7**

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Blessed are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.
- 4 Blessed are those whose strength is in you! In whose hearts are the highways to Zion,
- Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.
- 6 They will go from strength to strength and appear before God of in Zion.
- 7 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; listen, O God of Jacob.

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

#### **GOSPEL READING**

**LUKE 18: 9-14** 

#### (Sung Acclamation)

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Luke, Chapter 18, beginning at verse 9.

#### Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup>To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup> 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get."

<sup>13</sup> 'But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

<sup>14</sup> 'I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Sung Acclamation)

#### **CANTICLE**

**GREAT AND WONDERFUL ......** 

- 1 Great and wonderful are your deeds Lord God, the Almighty: just and true are your ways O King of the nations.
  - 2 Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord? for you alone are holy.
  - 3 All nations shall come and worship in your presence: for your just dealings have been revealed.
    - 4 To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

#### **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 643**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart .......

- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, and I thy true heir; thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.
- **3.** Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight; be thou my armour, and be thou my might; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower, raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Early Irish tr. *Mary Byrne* (1880-1931) Versified *Eleanor Hull* (1860-1935) Irish traditional melody

#### **Prayers of the People**

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 King; and grant his 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 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 AT MORNING PRAYER

- 1. 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.
- **2.** 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.**
- **3.** 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.**
- **4.** 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 712 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord .....

- 1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord: unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word, in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name: make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
  - **3.** Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might: powers and dominions lay their glory by; proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
    - **4.** Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word: firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore.

Words: *Timothy Dudley-Smith* (b. 1926)

based on the Canticle 'Magnificat' (Luke 1:46-55)

Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

#### **Dismissal**

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

Amen.



## This morning's service will be a service of Morning Prayer



Rev. Colin Brownsmith

with

Mrs. Sarah Maguire



Next SUNDAY 30th October 2022

will be a service of

Morning Prayer



Rev. Colin Brownsmith

with

Mr Nick Hambly

INSTITUTION of our new Rector at ROSSORRY

ROSSORRY
will take place in
Rossorry Parish
Church on
Thursday 3rd
November 2022
at 7.30pm.



This will be a wonderful happy day for our parish as we move forward under the stewardship of our new Rector.

All Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend this service of Institution with Bishop Ellis leading the Service

(and to attend a celebration
Supper in the Parish Hall
afterwards)
Put this date in your diary

### SOME USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS FOR HELP

- Advice NI(including referrals to foodbanks) 0800 915 4604
- Christians Against Poverty 0800328 0006
- <u>Consumer Council</u> 0800 121 6022
- Make the Call Make the Call is a service from the Department for Communities to help you check if you are missing out on any benefits, services and support to which you are entitled 0800 232 1271
- Money Helper(financial advice service) – 0800 138 7777
- NI Energy Advice Line 0800 111
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- National Energy Action(fuel poverty charity) 0800 304 7159
- Step Change(debt relief charity) 0800 138 1111



ROSSORRY PARISH notes with sadness the death of a dear Parishioner.





Mrs Doreen FYFFE formerly of Elliott Place, Enniskillen on Tuesday 18th October 2022 at

Hillcrest Care Home, Omagh.

Her Funeral took place on Thursday

20th October at Ballycassidy with
burial in Rossorry in her family plot.





'The Church of Ireland in ROSSORRY is committed to ensuring all children and vulnerable adults are protected from harm'.

If you have a concern or wish to speak to anyone—please contact one of the Parish Safeguarding Panel Members, as shown on our poster on the noticeboards of the Church and Hall.



#### Samaritan's Purse 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 both porches of the Church

Gifts will be dedicated at the Service of Morning Prayer

#### in Church on Sunday 22nd November 2022

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