

Sunday 30th OCTOBER The Fourth 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 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.

- **4.** Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance through all my days; thou, and thou only, the first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- **5.** High King of heaven, when the battle is done,

grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun,

Christ of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

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 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.

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)

THE FIRST READING

2 THESSALONIANS 1: 1-4, 11-12

The first Reading is from the second letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, Chapter 1, reading from verse 1.

Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

¹¹ With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹² We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 119: 137-144

- ¹³⁷Righteous are you, O Lord: and true are your judgements.
- ¹³⁸ You have ordered your decrees : In righteousness and in great faithfulness.
- ¹³⁹ My indignation destroys me : because my adversaries forget your word.
- ¹⁴⁰ Your word has been tried to the uttermost : and so your servant loves it.
- ¹⁴¹ I am small, and of no reputation : yet do I not forget your commandments.
- ¹⁴² Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness : and your law is the truth.
- ¹⁴³ Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me : yet is my delight in your commandments.
- ¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of your testimonies is everlasting: O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

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 19: 1-10

(Sung Acclamation)

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Luke, Chapter 19, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.' ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, 'He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.'

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.'

⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Sung Acclamation)

HYMN 92

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

- 1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.
- 2. It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast; 'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.
- **3.** Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place, my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.

- **4.** Jesus, my saviour, shepherd, friend, my prophet, priest, and king, my lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.
- **5.** Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought; but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.
- **6.** Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath; and may the music of thy Name refresh my soul in death.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807)

Music: Alexander R. Reinagle (1799-1877

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 576

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

- 1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- 2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down and drink and live."
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.
- 3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light.
 Look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and in that Light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

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 Fourth Sunday before Advent

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: Grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 629

Abide among us with thy grace Lord Jesus, evermore,

- 1. Abide among us with Thy grace, Lord Jesus, evermore, nor let us e'er to sin give place, nor grieve Him we adore.
- 2. Abide among us with Thy word, Redeemer, whom we love, thy help and mercy here afford, and life with Thee above.
- **3.** Abide among us with Thy ray, O Light that lighten'st all, and let Thy truth preserve our way, nor suffer us to fall.
- **4.** Abide with us to bless us still, O bounteous Lord of peace; with grace and power our souls fulfill, our faith and love increase.
 - **5.** Abide among us as our shield, O Captain of Thy host; that to the world we may not yield, nor e'er forsake our post.
 - **6.** Abide with us in faithful love, our God and Saviour be, thy help at need, oh, let us prove, and keep us true to thee.

Josua Stegmann (1629); Tr: Catherine Winkworth (1863)

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
6th November 2022
will be a service of
Holy Communion





with Mr Nick Hambly

Rev. Stephen Mc Whirter

& Mrs Sarah Maguire

INSTITUTION of our new Rector at ROSSORRY

will take place in Rossorry Parish Church on this 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

Rev. Colin is moving on !

Today is Rev. Colin's last service with us—as we institute a new Rector next Thursday.

We will miss him, his cheery disposition and his lively sermons.

It was our pleasure to have him and his wife, Olive with us for almost the last 8 months.

We wish them well in whatever task the Bishop finds for him in the future and assure him that, should he be at a loose end,—he would be welcome to join us any Sunday for worship,

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





GAMBLE – October 19 2022 (peacefully) at Omagh Hospital and late of 4 Willoughby Court, Enniskillen, Jim, BEM, beloved

husband of Doreen and a dearly loved father of Bryan (Amanda) and the late Neville and a devoted grandfather of Rory and Hannah.

Funeral service was in Mullaghdun Parish Church on Saturday 22nd at 1:30pm, Followed by burial in the family plot at Rossorry.





'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.

SOME USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS FOR HELP

- Advice NI(including referrals to foodbanks) – 0800 915 4604
- <u>Christians Against Poverty</u> 0800 328 0006
- Consumer Council 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 44 55
- National Energy Action(fuel poverty charity) 0800 304 7159
- Step Change (debt relief charity) –
 0800 138 1111

St Vincent de Paul – 028 9035 1561



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).