

*Killiskey Parish*

*Sunday 19th April 2020 @ 11.00am*

*The Second Sunday of Easter*

**SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER**

**The Gathering of God's People**

**GREETING**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*1 Peter 1: 3*

**Opening Hymn: CH338** *“Jesus, stand among us”*

Jesus, stand among us  
in your risen power;  
let this time of worship  
be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit  
into every heart;  
bid the fears and sorrows  
from each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps  
We will pursue our way,  
watching for the dawning  
of eternal day.

*William Pennefather (1816-73) altd.  
based on John 20: 19-23*

**INTRODUCTION**

We come to 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.  
*Silence is kept.*

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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.

Merciful Lord,  
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Proclaiming and Receiving the Word*

*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.

### **The Cantic: VENITE *Psalm 95: 1-11***

1 O come let us sing | out · to the | Lord; ,, ,,  
let us shout in triumph to the | rock of | our sal|vation.  
2 Let us come before his | face with | thanksgiving ,,  
and cry | out · to him | joyfully · in | psalms.  
3 For the Lord is a | great | God ,,  
and a great | king a·bove | all | gods.  
4 In his hand are the | depths · of the | earth ,,  
and the peaks of the | mountains · are | his | also.  
5† The sea is his and he | made it, ,,  
his hands | moulded dry land.  
6 Come let us worship and | bow | down ,,  
and kneel be|fore the | Lord our | maker.  
7 For he is the | Lord our | God; ,,  
we are his | people · and the | sheep of · his | pasture.

8 Today if only you would | hear his | voice, ,,  
do not harden your | hearts · as you | did · in the | wilderness;  
9 When your | forebears | tested me, ,,  
put me to the proof though | they had | seen my | works.  
10 Forty years long I loathed that generation · and | said, ,,  
It is a people who err in their hearts,  
for they | do not | know my | ways;  
11 Of whom I | swore · in my | wrath, ,,  
They | shall not | enter · my | rest.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ,,  
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ,,  
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

***The First Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32***

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

***The Psalm: Psalm 16***

1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I | taken | refuge; □

I have said to the Lord, ‘You are my lord,

all my | good depends on | you.’

**2 All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the | land, □  
upon | those •who are | noble in | heart.**

3† Though the idols are legion that | many run | after, □

their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,

neither make mention of their | names up|on my | lips.

**4 The Lord himself is my portion | and my | cup; □**

**in your hands a|lone | is my | fortune.**

5 My share has fallen in a | fair | land; □

indeed, I | have a | goodly | heritage.

**6. I will bless the Lord who has | given me | counsel, □  
and in the night watches | he in|structs my | heart.**

7 I have set the Lord | always be|fore me; □  
he is at my right | hand; I | shall not | fall.

**8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my | spirit re|joices; □  
my flesh | also shall | rest se|cure.**

9 For you will not abandon my | soul to | Death, □  
nor suffer your | faithful one to | see the | Pit.

**10† You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the | fullness of | joy □  
and in your right hand are | pleasures for | ever|more.**

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ,,  
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ,,  
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

***The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9***

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Gradual Hymn: 675 "Peace, perfect peace" (vs 1, 2, 4, 5, 7)**

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?

The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?

To do the will of Jesus—this is rest.

Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?

In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?

Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.

It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease  
and Jesus calls us to heaven's perfect peace.

*Edward H. Bickersteth (1825-1906) altd.*

***The Gospel: John 20: 19-31***

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**THE SERMON**

**THE 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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

### *Kneel*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers  
**and grant our 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**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
Grant us so to put away the leaven  
of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **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.**

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.**

### **A PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC**

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
remember those most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of working from home  
remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.  
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close  
remember those who have no options.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
remember those that have no safe place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market  
remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our country,  
let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,  
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. **Amen.**

### **PRAYERS:**

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

### **Closing and Collection Hymn: 263** *“Crown him with many crowns”*(vs 1, 4-6)

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne,  
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife,  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be love and praise:  
his reign shall know no end;  
and round his piercèd feet  
the thousand tones of earth shall blend  
in concord ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

## **Going Out as God's People**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

To God, who by the power at work within us,  
is able to do far more abundantly  
than all we ask or think,  
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
to all generations for ever and ever. **Amen.**      Ephesians 3: 20