

KILLISKEY PARISH
MORNING PRAYER FOR USE ON SUNDAY – 25 OCTOBER 2020



THE FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all
and also with you.

Hymn of Praise: CH56 "Lord, as I wake I turn to you"

Lord, as I wake I turn to you,
yourself the first thought of my day:
my King, my God, whose help is sure,
yourself the help for which I pray.

There is no blessing, Lord, from you
for those who make their will their way,
no praise for those who will not praise,
no peace for those who will not pray.

Your loving gifts of grace to me,
those favours I could never earn,
call for my thanks in praise and prayer,
all me to love you in return.

Lord, make my life a life of love,
keep me from sin in all I do;
Lord, make your law my only law,
your will my will, for love of you.

Brian Foley (1919-2000)
based on Psalm 5

INTRODUCTION

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
and to pray for the needs of the world,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Creator of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You founded the earth in the beginning
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
In the fulness of time, you made us in your image,
and in these last days you have spoken to us
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
your Spirit ever renew our lives
and your praises ever be on our lips.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

PENITENCE

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just
and will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1: 8-9

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
**O God, our loving Father in heaven,
we confess that we have sinned against you;
we have broken your commandments;
we have often been selfish,
and we have not loved you as we should.
For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path.

cf Psalm 119:105

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens.

cf Psalm 119: 89

Let us then receive the word of the Lord:
so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

After the reading silence may be kept.

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

After the reading silence may be kept.

Hymn before the Gospel: CH515 "A new commandment I give unto you" (sung twice)

A new commandment, I give unto you
That you love one another, as I have loved you.
That you love one another, as I have loved you.

By this, shall all know that you are my disciples,
If you have love one for another.
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If you have love one for another.

John 13: 34-35

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

THE SERMON

COLLECT OF THE WORD

O God,
you have commanded us
to love you above all things
and our neighbours as ourselves.
Grant us the Spirit to think and do
what is pleasing in your sight,
that our faith in you may never waver
and our love for one another may not falter;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Response to God’s Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith,
We believe and trust in One God,
Father, Son and holy Spirit.**

Responsorial Hymn : CH523 “*Help us to help each other, Lord*”(vs 1, 3, 4 and 6)

Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let each his friendly aid afford,
and feel another's care.

Up into thee, our living head,
let us in all things grow,
till thou hast made us free indeed,
and spotless here below.

Touched by the loadstone of thy love
let all our hearts agree;
and ever toward each other move,
and ever move toward thee.

This is the bond of perfectness,
thy spotless charity.
O let us still, we pray, possess
the mind that was in thee.

Charles Wesley (1707-88) altd.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty and everliving God,
we ask you to hear the prayers we offer in faith.
For the peace that comes from God alone,
for the unity of all peoples,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Church of Christ,
for Michael our Bishop, for all Christian leaders
and for the whole people of God,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the nations of the world,
for our government and all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this village and community,
For all who have found here a place of refuge,
for our neighbours and our friends,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us,
and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm,
for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and suffering,
for those suffering from the Coronavirus or its aftermath,
and for all in any need,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed,
for the unemployed and the destitute,
for prisoners and captives,
and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the dying,
for those who mourn,
for the faithful whom we entrust to the Lord in hope,
as we look forward to the day
when we share the fullness of the resurrection,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints,
let us commend ourselves,
and one another, and all our life, to God.

Silence is kept.

**For yours is the majesty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions,
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

**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.**

Closing Hymn: CH517 "Brother, sister, let me serve you" (vs. 1-5)

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.

I will hold the Christlight for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

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

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

Going out as God's People

A THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

For the love of our Father,
the maker of all, the giver of all good things,
let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lived and worked among us,
let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For his suffering and death on the cross
and his resurrection to new life,
let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For his rule over all things
and his presence in the world,
let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,
who teaches us and guides us,
let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church
and the life of the world,
let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us say together:

**Be with us Lord,
as we go out into the world.
May the lips that have sung your praise
always speak the truth;
may the ears which have heard your Word
listen only to what is good
and may our lives as well as our worship
be always pleasing in your sight,
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.