

*Killiskey Parish*

*Sunday 11th October 2020 @ 11.00am*

*The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*



**SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER**

**The Gathering of God's People**

**GREETING**

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

**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

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

Isaiah 55: 6

**Opening Hymn: CH553** *“Jesu, lover of my soul” (vs. 1, 3 and 4)*

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high;  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life be past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me;  
all my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound;  
make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
freely let me take of thee,  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## **INTRODUCTION**

Beloved in Christ,  
we come together 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.**

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.**

## **Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

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.**

*Canticle: Jubilate Psalm 100*

**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: Isaiah 25: 1-9*

O Lord, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.  
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.  
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death for ever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*After the reading silence may be kept.*

***The Second Reading: Philippians 4: 1-9***

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*After the reading silence may be kept.*

**Hymn before the Gospel: CH20** *“The King of love my shepherd is”*

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul He leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on His shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-77)*  
metrical version of Psalm 23

***The Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14***

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

*After the reading silence may be kept.*

**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 and everlasting God:  
Increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
through 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.**

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.**

### **INTERCESSIONS**

We pray that each of us may be open to hearing your call to live each day with Gospel values  
and that we may never make excuses for not responding to you.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have leadership roles in the Church, especially Archbishop Michael,  
that their guidance and support may enable others to respond positively to you

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are preparing to enter full-time ministry or preparing for ordination,  
especially Suzanne Harris and Scott Evans,  
that you would bless their studies and their future parish involvements  
and be with their families as they face change in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for families known to us  
that they may be united in the love that they show to one another  
and that their homes may be places of harmony and mutual support.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wisdom to care for your earth  
that we may till it with gentleness as we protect it for future generations.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all troubled parts of the world  
especially for cessation of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan  
that you would guard and protect all those who put their trust in you.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one,  
and in particular, Annette Boland and Mattanja de Boer.  
We remember all those who have returned to you in death,  
especially our relatives and friends  
that we may be brought with them into the fulness of life of your heavenly kingdom.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

**Closing Hymn: CH587** *“Just as I am, without one plea”* (vs. 1, 3-6)

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy Blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd’st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears, within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind;  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down),  
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

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

Follow the things that make for peace,  
and the peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

**May the God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the Holy Spirit  
we may abound in hope. Amen.**

*Romans 15: 13*