

*Killiskey Parish*

*Sunday 1st November 2020 @ 11.00am*



**ALL SAINTS' DAY  
SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR  
AND REMEMBRANCE OF LOVED ONES**

*Preparation*

**GREETING**

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

**INTRODUCTION**

This morning we give thanks for the lives of all those saints who have lived and died, and especially for those dear to us.

We affirm that our relatives and friends who have died in faith are not forgotten and that they are known to, loved by and cared for by God. We believe that as we entrust our lives to God so we may look forward to being one day reunited with them.

**Opening Hymn: 80** *"Great is thy faithfulness"*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)*  
based on Lamentations 3: 22-23 and Genesis 8: 22

### **PENITENCE**

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

*Hebrews 12:1*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.  
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Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on us,  
pardon and deliver us from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS**

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints.  
*(Silence is kept)*

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn: 712** *“Tell out my soul”*

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.

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.

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.

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.

***Ministry of the Word***

***The Lesson: Revelation 7: 9-17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’

Then he said to me,

‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;  
they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm: Psalm 34: 1-10*

I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦

**his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦

**let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me; ♦

**let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦

**and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look upon him and be radiant ♦

**and your faces shall not be ashamed.**

This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me ♦

**and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him ♦

**and delivers them.**

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦

**blessed is the one who trusts in him.**

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, ♦

**for those who fear him lack nothing.**

Lions may lack and suffer hunger, ♦

**but those who seek the Lord**

**lack nothing that is good.**

Come, my children, and listen to me; ♦

**I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

Who is there who delights in life ♦

**and longs for days to enjoy good things?**

Keep your tongue from evil ♦

**and your lips from lying words.**

Turn from evil and do good; ♦

**seek peace and pursue it.**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous ♦

**and his ears are open to their cry.**

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, ♦

**to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them ♦

**and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted ♦

**and will save those who are crushed in spirit.**

Many are the troubles of the righteous; ♦

**from them all will the Lord deliver them.**

He keeps all their bones, ♦

**so that not one of them is broken.**

But evil shall slay the wicked ♦

**and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants ♦

**and will condemn none who seek refuge in him.**

*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.*

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***Hymn before the Gospel: 630 “Blessed are the pure in heart”***

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ’s abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us,  
our pattern and our king;

still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
and for His dwelling and his throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple meet for thee.

vv. 1 & 3 *John Keble* (1792-1866)  
vv. 2 & 4 *W J Hall* (1703-1861) altd.  
based on Matthew 5: 8

***The Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12***

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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**SERMON**

***Response***

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us affirm our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father**

**from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son**

**who lives in our hearts through faith**

**and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit**

**who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVING**

Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death.

Jesus, bread from heaven,

you satisfy the hungry with good things:

grant us a share with all the faithful departed  
in the banquet of your kingdom.

Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, the light of the world,  
you gave the man born blind the gift of sight:  
open the eye of faith  
and bring us from darkness  
to your eternal light and glory.

Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, Son of the living God,  
you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life:  
raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.

Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, crucified Saviour,  
in your dying you entrusted each to the other,  
Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple:  
sustain and comfort all who mourn.

Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, our way and truth and life,  
you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith:  
reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.

Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy  
bring the whole Church,  
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,  
to a joyful resurrection  
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

#### **GENERAL COLLECT**

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 LORD'S PRAYER**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

## **THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

The eternal God is our refuge  
**and underneath are the everlasting arms.**

Blessed are those who mourn  
**for they shall be comforted.**

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud.

*Silence is kept after all the names are read.*

This is the will of him that sent me,  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,  
**And I will raise him up on the last day.**

Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth, but have also promised us a share in life eternal. According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace of Christ come with all your saints to the joys of your kingdom, where there will be neither sorrow nor pain, but life everlasting.  
**Alleluia. Amen.**

Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone, but for those also whom we love and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death; that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, so we may trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Hear us, O merciful Lord, as we remember in love those whom we have placed in your hands. Enfold them in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of eternal peace and in the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: 471** *“Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days”*

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events, to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own:  
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

*F Pratt Green (1903- 2000)*

*Dismissal*

**BLESSING**

May God give you his comfort and his peace,  
his light and his joy,  
in this world and the next;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you  
and remain with you, and with all whom you love, always. **Amen.**

**SALUTATION**

Neither death nor life  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm;  
and may he lead us to eternal life. Amen.**