

KILLISKEY PARISH
MORNING PRAYER FOR USE ON SUNDAY – 29 NOVEMBER 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: CH119 "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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 of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In your tender compassion
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.
as we look for your coming among us this day,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

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: Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, ♦
you that led Joseph like a flock;
- 2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, ♦
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
- 3 Stir up your mighty strength ♦
and come to our salvation.
- 4 Turn us again, O God; ♦
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 5 O Lord God of hosts, ♦
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
- 6 You feed them with the bread of tears; ♦
you give them abundance of tears to drink.
- 7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, ♦
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 8 Turn us again, O God of hosts; ♦
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 18 Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, ♦
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.
- 19 And so will we not go back from you; ♦
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.
- 20 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; ♦
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

*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 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn before the Gospel: CH125 “Hail to the Lord’s anointed” (vs 1-3 and 5)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
and love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blessed:

the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)
based on Psalm 72

The Gospel Reading: Mark 13: 24-37

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. 27Then he will send
out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you
know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he* is near, at
the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.
Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey,
when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to
be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in
the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes
suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

COLLECT OF THE WORD

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

1 Corinthians 4: 5

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**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.**

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 : CH538 "O Lord, the clouds are gathering"

O Lord, the clouds are gathering,
the fire of judgment burns,
how we have fallen!
O Lord, you stand appalled to see
your laws of love so scorned
and lives so broken.

*Have mercy, Lord,
forgive us, Lord,
restore us, Lord
revive your church again.
Let justice flow
like rivers
and righteousness like a never failing stream.*

O Lord, over the nations now
where is the dove of peace?
Her wings are broken.
O Lord, while precious children starve
The tools of war increase;
their bread is stolen.

O Lord, dark powers are poised to flood
our streets with hate and fear;
we must awaken!
O Lord, let love reclaim the lives
that sin would sweep away,
and let your kingdom come.

O Lord, your glorious cross shall tower
triumphant in this land,
evil confounding.
Through the fire your suff'ring church displays
the glories of her Christ,
praises resounding!

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.
That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That God may establish among the nations
his sceptre of righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,
restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That the light of God's coming may dawn
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That, with all the saints in light,
we may shine forth as lights for the world,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ
first came to seek and to save the lost;
so may he come again to find in us
the completion of his redeeming work;
for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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: ELW505 "A mighty fortress is our God" (on which CH668 is based)

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper frees us from the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe,
forsworn to work us woe;
with guile and dreadful might
is armed to wage the fight:
on earth there is no equal.

If we in our own strength confide,
our striving turns to losing;
the righteous one fights by our side,
the one of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be:
Christ Jesus, it is he,
the Lord of hosts by name.
No other God we claim!
None else can win the battle.

Though all the world with devils fill,
and threaten to undo us,
we tremble not, we trust God's will:
they cannot overpower us.
Though Satan rant and rage,
In fiercest wars engage,
This tyrant's doomed to fail:
God's judgement will prevail!
One little word shall triumph.

God's Word shall stand above the powers,
shall end all their thanksgiving.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
for God with us is living.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
though all of these be gone,
they yet have nothing won.
The kingdom's ours forever!

*Martin Luther (1483-1546)
tr. Frederick H Hedge (1805-90) altd.*

Going out as God's People

A THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Holy God,
creator, redeemer and life-giver;
you have spoken the world into being
and filled it with wonder and beauty.

For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for people of every language and culture
and for the rich variety you give to life.
For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour,
truly divine and truly human, living and dying for us,
and going before us into heaven.
For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for your Spirit, the fire of love burning in our hearts,
bringing us to faith, and calling us to holiness
in the Church and in the world.
For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

**We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.**

THE BLESSING

Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you,
gladden your hearts
and scatter the darkness from before you:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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