



Church of Ireland

## Morning Prayer from St Gall's Church

On the Seventh Sunday of Easter

16th May 2021

Welcome & Greeting

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise & thanksgiving, to hear & receive God's holy word, to seek the forgiveness of our sins, & 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.**

Hymn 373 - To God be the Glory

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Romans 6: 10

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

*The priest pronounces the absolution.*

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.**

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

O Lord, your word is everlasting:

**it stands firm for ever in the heavens.**

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.

**so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

## Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked,  
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
**and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water  
**bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,  
whatever they do, it shall prosper.**
- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,  
**nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.**
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked shall perish.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen**

1st Lesson : Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers\* (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ‘Friends,\* the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place\* in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’

And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Canticle - Te Deum Part 1

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord;  
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**The glorious company of apostles praise you;  
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you;  
throughout the world, the holy Church acclaim you:

**Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

### 2nd Lesson : John 17: 6-19

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that\* you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,\* so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.\* I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.\* They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Sermon : Mrs Nanette McCoy

*The Affirmation of Faith. We stand together.*

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.**

Hymn 643 - Be thou my Vision

We come now to our intercessions. Let us pray.

We use this response :

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

*The Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter*

O God the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

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.**

The Blessing

The Holy and Mighty God protect you from all evil, Christ the King deliver you from all darkness, the Holy Spirit guide into ways of peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 294 - Come Down O Love Divine

Prayer of Dismissal

All who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

## Church Notices

The Dedication of our new Select Vestry will take place as part of our intercessions this morning

The list of all those serving on the Select Vestry for this coming year. Please remember all of them in your prayers. Give thanks for their service to the parish family.

Mary Gilfillan-Griffin	Rector's Churchwarden
Stephen Garland	People's Churchwarden
Brian Waters	Rector's Glebewarden
Bertie Thompson	People's Glebewarden
William R Tennis	Hon Secretary
Derrick Conn	Hon Treasurer
Noel McKeown	Hon Treasurer
Pauline Smith	Jim Noble James Hanna Gary Ballentine
Chris Houston	Nanette McCoy Janis Dunn Christine Gray

### **Pentecost Sunday - Next Sunday - 23rd May - 8.30 a.m.**

For the feast of Pentecost we shall be holding an early Holy Communion. Everyone welcome . Please note: Bring bread and wine for socially distanced Communion

### **Mid Week Holy Communion - 10.30 on Wednesdays**

This service will be held in the main church to allow for ample social distancing. The service of Holy Communion will be held as per our previous Holy Communion services with members of the congregation bringing along their own bread and wine. Communion will be received in your own seat. Share the good news! All welcome!

### **Worship on Sunday**

It would be lovely to have an organist of our own. However, that is proving to be something of a challenge at the moment so we are making our own music. Our thanks for Alex for her help over the next few weeks. Question : Are you a pianist? A musician? Guitar? Flute? Some new instrument you've learned in lockdown and would love to share? Would you like to help with worship on a Sunday? Get in touch with the Rector if you'd like to help.

### **Christian Aid 2021**

Neil & Claire Farmer along with the Reverend Jim Bates are leading the charge with a commitment to walk 10,000 steps a day in May! Keep supporting them as we move through the month.

in May! Sponsored walking to support Christian Aid! Can you support them?



For Claire type in this link : <https://bit.ly/3bpeMfp>

For Neil look here: <https://bit.ly/3w6sawC>

For Jim - look in church!

More details online. Check our Facebook & Twitter  
<https://www.christianaid.ie/christian-aid-week/walk-water>

### **Local Bangor West Collection**

A Big thank you to all of our Christian Aid collectors out pounding the pavements this last week! Thank you to everyone who has supported them in his important work. As we watch the news coming from India we realise just how powerfully poverty leaves people vulnerable. Christian Aid works to support those in need at this tragic time. See the links above to support our parish walkers through the month of May!