

Morning Prayer from St Gall's Church

30th 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 344 When Morning Guilds the Skies

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 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;

the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf

and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare;

in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;

the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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 : Romans 8: 12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Canticle - BENEDICTUS The Song of Zechariah Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
The Lord has raised up for us a mighty saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through the holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of those who hate us,
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hand of our enemies.
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous before him all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

2nd Lesson : John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus

answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

The Sermon : The Reverend Jim Bates

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 108 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

We come now to our intercessions. Let us pray.

We use this response :

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

The Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,

by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
Keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
for you live and reign, one God, for ever and 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

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and 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 10 All my Hope on God is Founded

Prayer of Dismissal

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Church Notices

Next Sunday - The First Sunday after Trinity - 6th June

8.30 a.m. Early Holy Communion. Everyone welcome .

Please note: Bring bread and wine for socially distanced Communion
10 a.m. Parish Communion

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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 all her help over the last few weeks. We wish her every blessing as she has now returned to study in England. 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.

Church Magazine

The June edition of the parish magazine will be available for collection and distribution after this service. Please note : A July edition of the magazine is planned for collection on the last Sunday of June. If you have anything you would like to contribute for the next magazine please send it in for the 14th June.

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.

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>