

St Gall's Church
On the Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogation Sunday
9th 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 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.

Hymn 58 - Morning Has Broken

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 98

1 O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.

**His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.**

2 The Lord has made known his victory;

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

8 Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

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 10 v44-48

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 acclaims you:

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

2nd Lesson : John 15 verses 9-17

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 231 - My Song is Love Unknown

We come now to our intercessions. Let us pray.

We use this response :

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends; give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Easter Blessing

Rejoice, for Christ is risen, he seeks us to rise with Him. In him is our hope, in life, in death and in all eternity. Today the risen Lord comes to us with his gift 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 47 - We plough the fields and scatter

Prayer of Dismissal

The risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. *John 20 :19,20*

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 next Sunday 16th May

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

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

We have our volunteers! 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! Sponsored walking to support Christian Aid! Can you support them? More details online. Check our Facebook page.

<https://www.christianaid.ie/christian-aid-week/walk-water>

Local Bangor West Collection in 2021 is on!

Spare an encouraging word if you have a collector at your door. Say a prayer for the team as they collect over these coming days! Pray for generous donations and warm welcomes! A HUGE thank you to all our volunteers!