

St Gall's Day Service - 18th October 2020

Rector: The world belongs to God

Congregation: The earth and all its people

Rector: God, your constant love reaches the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the skies

Congregation: Your righteousness is towering like the mountains, your justice like the depths of the sea

Rector: We find protection under the shadow of your wings, we feast on the abundant food you provide

Congregation: You are the source of all life and because of your light, we see the light.

Hymn

St Paul says 'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit; put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.'

So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ. We say together:

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

Reader: May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All Stand

Praise the Lord, O my soul

All my being, praise his name!

Praise the Lord, O my soul

And forget not all his blessings

Praise the Lord, O my soul

Praise the Lord.

The Canticle : Venite - Psalm 95 v 1-7

O come, let us sing unto the Lord:

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.



Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it,
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God; & we are the people of his pasture, & the sheep of his hand.

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 - 1 Kings 19 verses 1-18

This is the word of the Lord : **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 99

The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;

he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion and high above all peoples.

Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome; the Lord our God is holy.

Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God;

bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests

and Samuel among those who call upon his name;

they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

You answered them, O Lord our God;

you were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill,

for the Lord our God is holy.

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.**

2nd Lesson - Luke 10 verses 38-42

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

Sermon: Bishop Alan Abernethy

We stand as the Church of Christ and proclaim our faith together.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith, we believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you:

And also with you

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy:

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

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.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for St Gall's Day

Lord, we pray that we may know you and so enter into life. We pray for all who seek you in simplicity & humility and rejoice this day as we remember the example of your servant St Gall. Be with us on our journey. May we be faithful stewards of the faith that is within us that we may share it with those we meet along the way. As we remember Gall the teacher and evangelist, a missionary who took your Gospel story into Europe, may we remember our calling to reach out to others in faith and love. **Amen.**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your protection, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life, we may never forget your presence but may remember that we are always walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Prayers of Intercession

Reader: Lord in your mercy

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Silence. We call to mind the demands and the challenges of the coming week and place them into the hands of our loving God

Reader: Christ stands before you and peace is in his mind. Rest in the calm of all calm, rest in the guidance of all guidance, rest in the love of all loves: Rest, beloved, in the God of life.

The Blessing

God, who has called you into life and to love him, make you worthy of your calling; strengthen, establish, settle you; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Prayer of Dismissal

Reader: From where we are to where you need us

Congregation: **Jesus, now lead on.**

Reader: From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal

Congregation: **Jesus, now lead on.**

Reader: Because good things have been prepared for those who love God

Congregation: **Jesus, now lead on. Amen.**

Please remember your 2 metre distancing when leaving the church.

Face masks at all times.

#PraySafe

#Godbless #TakeCare

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For folks at home. Google St Gall's Church to find our parish website. Put St Gall's Church into YouTube and 'Like' and 'Subscribe' to the St Gall's channel.

Our Easter Vestry was held on Sunday 11th October.

Our Select Vestry was duly elected.

Please remember them in your prayers as they carry on the work of administering the life of our church.

We pray for our Churchwardens, Chris Houston & Mary Gilfillan. We pray for our Glebe wardens Brian Waters & Bertie Thompson. We pray for our Hon. Sec William Tennis. We pray for our Hon Treasurers Derrick Conn and Noel McKeown. We pray for Gary Ballentine, Janis Dunn, Steve Garland, James Hanna, Jim Noble, Angie Orr and Pauline Smyth.

Two folks stepping down from the Select Vestry.

We give thanks for all that Dessie Sykes has contributed to our Select Vestry as Peoples Glebe warden. He remains a stalwart member of our Monday Grounds team.

We give thanks for all that Lynne Davison has contributed to our Select Vestry. Without her input the whole GDPR administration would have been challenging in the extreme. She was that lovely person that convinced you to fill in all that paperwork!

Sunday Worship

Our 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion services have been suspended for the foreseeable future. Please share this information on with others who may be thinking of going along.

Our Church Office has reopened with three volunteers answering the phone - our thanks to Nanette, Mary and Helen for taking on this key role. Open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 until 12 noon. Our office ministry in the coming weeks will be about reaching out and getting in touch by phone. Would you like a chat? Give us a ring on 91853810. Would you like someone to be prayed for? Is there someone in your family who is

ill or in need of prayer? Get in touch with the office and the team will pray for them.

Bangor Storehouse : A big thank you to everyone who brought something along for the Harvest collection. It all helps and makes a difference.

Christian Aid: An appeal has been launched to respond to the needs of overseas communities struggling with Cover 19. Aid agencies are working with partners to provide basic medical care & support. You can ring 9064 8133 to make a donation to the Belfast office.