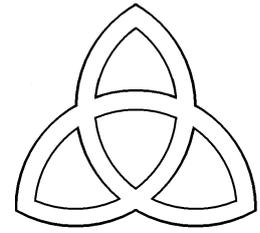


**St Gall's Church Parish of Carnalea  
A Service of Holy Communion  
17th Sunday after Trinity - 4th October 2020**



Are you prepared for this online service?  
If you have bread and wine to hand then you can join in the Eucharist. Everyone is welcome.

**Welcome & Greeting**

Reader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Response : Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Let us call to mind our sins.

Silence is kept

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with  
all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and  
great commandment.

And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself On these  
two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22: 37-39  
**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

The presiding minister pronounces the Absolution:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon  
and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect for the 17th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
Teach us to offer ourselves to your service,  
that here we may have your peace,  
and in the world to come may see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Epistle: Philippians 3: 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,\* the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ\* and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own;\* but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly\* call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter, beginning to read at the thirty third verse.

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;\* this was the Lord’s doing and it is amazing in our eyes”?’

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

The Sermon : Canon Michael A. Parker

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the**

**Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions

Let us pray

Reader: Lord in your mercy

**Response: Hear our prayer**

We close our prayers as we say together:

**Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and , as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

**Congregation: And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Sacrament

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. Amen.

Lord, yours is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty; for all things come from you and of your own we give you. Amen.

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your

friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,

Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you & for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

**dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace,**

**one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so 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 presiding minister breaks the consecrated bread in preparation for the Communion

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Post-Communion Prayer for Today

God our guide,

you feed us with bread from heaven

as you fed your people Israel.

May we who have been inwardly nourished

be ready to follow you

all the days of our pilgrimage on earth,

until we come to your kingdom in heaven.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our**

**souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:

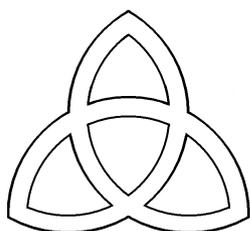
And the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Be with you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Prayer of Dismissal

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

**The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**



## **Parish Notices**

Our Easter Vestry will be held this year on Sunday 11th October - Next week! - after the 10 a.m. service This will be a short meeting to elect the Select Vestry so that they can continue to the work of the parish. Please attend if you can.

Our 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion service will be restarting on Sunday 11th October. This service will be held in the McCambley Rooms. Social distancing works better in that bigger room. Entrance will be via the door adjoining the Church Office. Masks must be worn by all: "It will be good to be back at the Lord's Table and receiving his gift of life in our Communion." Please pass the word on to other people.

Our Church Office will be reopening 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 : The 11th October will be our Harvest Sunday this year. Can you bring a tin? We are collecting for Storehouse. Please try and support our local food banks if you can. They make all the difference.

Christian Aid: An appeal has been launched to respond to the needs of overseas communities struggling with Covid 19. Aid agencies are working with partners to provide basic medical care & support - [www.christianaid.ie](http://www.christianaid.ie) to give directly. Or you can ring 9064 8133 to make a donation to the Belfast office.

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.

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