

St Gall's Church
Parish of Carnalea

A Service of Holy Communion

The Third Sunday after Trinity

28th June 2020



Are you prepared for this online service? If you have bread and wine to hand then you can join in the Eucharist. You are very 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.

Round the throne of God, day and night they never cease to sing, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'

Revelation 4 v8

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining. As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity, and to worship him in spirit and in truth, let us call to mind our sins.

Silence is kept

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.

A Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:

Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Epistle is written in the epistle to the Romans, the sixth chapter, beginning to read at the twelfth verse.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

Hear the Gospel of Christ written in the Gospel according to Matthew. the tenth chapter, beginning to read at the fortieth verse.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All : 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: Amen.

Response: **May the Lord do it.**

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 the Third Sunday after Trinity

O God,

whose beauty is beyond our imagining

and whose power we cannot comprehend:

Give us a glimpse of your glory on earth
but shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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.

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.

Prayer of Dismissal

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Prayers for the Week

Let us focus our bodies, minds, hearts and wills
As we pray to the God of all creation.

Holy God, you are the focus of our love and worship,
Because you alone are the Lord
Who has made us and rescued us....

May we not return to the slavery of sin
May we live in your freedom, serving you with joy,
In thankfulness for all you have done for us.

Heal us Lord.

And use us to your glory.

Holy God, though the earth may often reject you,
You never fail to believe in us all
And love us with tenderness.
We pray for all areas of conflict, deceit,
Mismanagement and greed,
And for all who are drawn into the chaos of evil.

Heal us Lord.

And use us to your glory.

Holy God, our daily lives provide such rich ground
For acts of loving kindness, self discipline and courage.
Nudge us to reach out to those who are isolated or alone at this time.
Give us a generosity of spirit toward those who are angry or fearful.
Remind us of the opportunities
And strengthen us to use them.

Heal us Lord.

And use us to your glory.

Holy God, we thank you for all
Who lovingly look after those in nursing homes, hospitals, and prisons.
We pray for those who volunteer to work at Storehouse and other food banks.
And we pray for all those who need care and support
And rely on others' help.

Heal us Lord.

And use us to your glory.

Holy God, we call to mind those who have recently died.
We pray for the family of Wendy Reid. We pray for the family of Jimmy Welch.
We thank you for each act of kindness in their lives and the memories cherished by family and friends.
Have mercy on them and forgive their failings
May they share the joy of heaven for ever.
Comfort all who have lost loved ones to Covid-19.

Give to all who mourn your peace and your strength.
Enough for each hour, each moment, each day.

Heal us Lord.

And use us to your glory.

Holy God, we thank you
For our human potential for good
And for your gift of grace
That makes such goodness a real possibility

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son,

Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

In our prayers

In your prayers this week please continue to remember those we know who are working in the NHS.

We pray for Sara and Emma, Kate, Stephanie, Catherine, Julie, Chris, Jackie, Rhiannon, Lydia, Fiona, David, Amanda, Anna, Maeve, Eleanor & Gail.

Lord, protect and guide them.

Lord in your mercy - Hear our prayer



In your action this week please remember...

Storehouse and all that it does to feed and support families in our community. If you can please leave something in the trolley at the door of the supermarket.

Please pray for the Church Missionary Society (CMSI) and their work in the South Sudan. We pray for Archbishop Justin and the church in that place as they face the challenges of this moment.

Please continue to remember in your prayers the work of Christian Aid and give to support them as they seek to support the poorest of our world as they confront Covid-19.
You can give through their website www.christianaid.ie

The Re-Opening of Church - Sunday 2nd August

As you will be aware local government announced that churches are free to consider re-opening from - effectively - Sunday 4th July. After a period of reflection within the Covid Committee of the Select Vestry the recommendation for St Gall's is that we will not re-open in July. We shall aim to re-open on Sunday 2nd August.

This date is itself subject to review nearer the time. It is our target date for now.

My thanks to the Covid Committee team who have worked hard to prepare the church building for reopening. They have divided the pews into twenty eight household seating spaces, each separated by 2 metres distancing. Hand sanitisers will be available and will be required to be used once we return to

church. A plan for seating is drawn up and we are looking for a team of volunteers to work as stewards and ushers. Could this be you? Contact Steve Garland on Tel. 91468891 if you willing to work as a volunteer. PPE will be provided for these volunteers. We shall be recording who shall be attending in support of the government 'track and trace' scheme should someone attending church is later found to have Covid-19. Face masks should be worn.

As many of you will be aware, from the end of March we have had ongoing cases of Covid-19 within our own community. Indeed, as I write this I am praying for some who are awaiting test results to see if they are positive for the disease.

'An abundance of caution' is the phrase in my mind as we consider our re-opening as a church family.

There is a lot more information to come. I just wanted to share some of the fundamentals with you now. I shall be making a series of Youtube videos to outline just what will be involved in coming back to church under the new regulations and these shall be available nearer the time. These should give each of us a sense of what to expect - and also what shall be expected of us as we attend.

The Lord be with you.

Michael
Rector

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