

# Service of Holy Communion

## Second Sunday after The Epiphany

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# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## The Gathering of God's People

### THE GREETING

*A heartfelt welcome to visitor and viewer alike.*

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

### THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Hymn 190 "Brightest and Best of the Suns of the Morning"*

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| 1<br>Brightest and best of the suns of the morning<br>Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid<br>Star of the east the horizon adorning<br>Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid | 3<br>Say shall we yield Him in costly devotion<br>Odours of Edom and off'rings divine<br>Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean<br>Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine |
| 2<br>Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining<br>Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall<br>Angels adore Him in slumber reclining<br>Maker and monarch and Saviour of all  | 4<br>Vainly we offer each ample oblation<br>Vainly with gifts would His favour secure<br>Richer by far is the heart's adoration<br>Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor         |
| 5<br>Brightest and best of the suns of the morning<br>Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid<br>Star of the east the horizon adorning<br>Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid |  |

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.**

*We sit or kneel in silence*

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.

**Lord, have mercy on us,**

**and write these your laws in our hearts.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ,

to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven,

and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith,

firmly resolved to keep God's commandments

and to live in love and peace:

*Silence*

God be merciful to us and bless us, and make your face to shine on us.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on earth, your saving power to all nations.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,

and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
has mercy on us,

pardons and delivers us from all our sins,

confirms and strengthens us in all goodness,

and keeps us in eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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 SUNDAY COLLECT

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
Transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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## Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

*Please sit for the Readings*

### A READING FROM THE OLD COVENANT

*Isaiah 49: 1-7*

*Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### THE PSALM

*Psalms 40:1-12*

I waited patiently for the Lord;

**he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay;

**he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.**

He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;

**many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.**

Blessèd is the one who trusts in the Lord,

**who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.**

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your designs for us!

**There is none that can be compared with you.**

If I were to proclaim them and tell of them

**they would be more than I am able to express.**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire

**but my ears you have opened;**

Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;

**then said I: 'Lo, I come.**

'In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, O my God;

**I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'**

I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;

**behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.**



Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth from the great congregation.**

Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;

**let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me,**

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**

## A READING FROM THE NEW COVENANT

### *1 Corinthians 1: 1-9*

*Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## THE HYMN OF WORSHIP

### *Hymn 204 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"*

1  
When Jesus came to Jordan  
To be baptised by John  
He did not come for pardon  
But as His Father's Son  
He came to share repentance  
With all who mourn their sins  
To speak the vital sentence  
With which good news begins

2  
He came to share temptation  
Our utmost woe and loss  
For us and our salvation  
To die upon the cross  
So when the Dove descended  
On Him the Son of Man  
The hidden years had ended  
The age of grace began

3  
Come Holy Spirit aid us  
To keep the vows we make  
This very day invade us  
And every bondage break  
Come give our lives direction  
The gift we covet most  
To share the resurrection  
That leads to Pentecost

*Please stand*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St John, ch I beginning at v 29  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

## THE SERMON

*Please sit for the Sermon*



*Please stand for the 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.**

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## The Prayers of the People

*At the end of each prayer the following is said*

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, you graciously hear us.**

*At the end of the Intercessions the following is said:*

Merciful Father,

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

## THE PEACE

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**and also with you.**

*Please share with each other a sign of peace either by touch or by gesture 🙏*

## THE HYMN OF THE PRESENCE

*During this Hymn your donations will be gathered in by the Stewards*

*Hymn 206 "Come Let Us To The Lord our God"*

1  
Come, let us to the Lord our God  
with contrite hearts return;  
our God is gracious, nor will leave  
the desolate to mourn.

2  
His voice commands the tempest forth,  
and stills the stormy wave;  
and though his arm be strong to smite,  
'tis also strong to save.

3  
Long has the night of sorrow reigned;  
the dawn shall bring us light;  
God shall appear, and we shall rise  
with gladness in his sight.

4  
Our hearts, if God we seek to know,  
shall know him and rejoice;  
his coming like the morn shall be,  
like morning songs his voice.

5  
As dew upon the tender herb,  
diffusing fragrance round;  
as showers that usher in the spring,  
and cheer the thirsty ground:

6  
So shall his presence bless our souls,  
and shed a joyful light;  
that hallowed morn shall chase away  
the sorrows of the night.

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## Celebrating at the Lord's Table

### AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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

### THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

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

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Turn your hearts.

**We turn them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All glory and honour, thanks and praise be given to you  
at all times and in all places, Lord, holy Father, true and living God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is your eternal Word  
through whom you have created all things from the beginning  
and formed us in your own image.

In your great love you gave him to be made man for us  
and to share our common life.

You have revealed in him your eternal plan of salvation  
and showed him to be the light of all the nations.

His glory has shone among us, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

In obedience to your will your Son our Saviour offered himself  
as a perfect sacrifice, and died on the cross for our redemption.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin  
and reconciled us to yourself, our God and Father.

He is our great high priest whom you raised from death  
and exalted to your right hand on high where he ever lives to intercede for us.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit  
and made us a royal priesthood called to serve you for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
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.**

Merciful Father, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and this wine,  
and we pray that we who eat and drink them  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
in obedience to our Saviour Christ  
in remembrance of his death and passion  
may be partakers of his body and his blood,  
who on the night he was betrayed took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;  
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you  
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,  
we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;  
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
and we look for his coming to fulfil all things according to your will.  
**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of never-ending praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:  
Our Father,  
**who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

## THE COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Remember that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord,  
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

## **RECEIVING COMMUNION**

*All are welcome.*

*Whichever tradition you follow, you are welcome to receive the Sacrament here.  
Please come forward to kneel at the Rail to receive the Sacrament of Bread and Wine*

*Even if you don't want to receive the Sacrament of Wine for health reasons, please feel free to hold  
the Chalice for a moment in acknowledgement of God's gift to us.*

## **THE GREAT SILENCE**

*We all keep an extended silence for reflection*

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## **Going Out as God's People**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.  
We ask this 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 HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

*Hymn 196 "O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"*

1

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness  
Bow down before Him His glory proclaim  
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
Kneel and adore Him the Lord is His name

2

Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness  
High on His heart He will bear it for thee  
Comfort thy sorrows and answer thy prayerfulness  
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be

5

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness  
Bow down before Him His glory proclaim  
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
Kneel and adore Him the Lord is His name.

3

Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness  
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine  
Truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness  
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine

4

These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness  
He will accept for the name that is dear  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness  
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear

## NOTICES

*You are all very warmly invited to stay after the service to join us in refreshments served at the back of church.*

## THE DISMISSAL

Christ the Son be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world:  
and so the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
will 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,  
is with you and will remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the Name of Christ. Amen!**

The service is lead by the Rector of Killarney, the Venerable Simon J Lumby CAH (Archdeacon of Limerick)  
The Eucharistic Assistant and leader of our Prayers is Susan Hutchinson  
The Organist is Adrian Hilliard

Thank you to those who read the Scriptures for us.  
Thank you to those who prepare and serve our refreshments.  
Thank you to those who have prepared and will tidy the church for us.

#### HYMNS

“Brightest and Best of the Suns of the Morning” to tune St Ninian  
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“When Jesus Came to Jordan” to tune Aurelia  
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“Come Let Us To The Lord our God” to tune Nativity  
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