

Service of Holy Communion

For use during the Coronavirus Pandemic Restrictions

6th Sunday after Trinity

11th July 2021



St. MARY'S
Church of Ireland
KILLARNEY

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COVID-19 Church Worship Protocols

The wearing of face coverings is required, indoors.

Please ensure that you have availed of the hand sanitiser at the station in the Porch upon entry and please keep your face covering on during the service.

There are face coverings, tissues and hand sanitisers in zip-lock bags in the pews. These are for 'emergency' use. If you use a tissue please place it within the bag after use and take it home with you for disposal. To leave it behind constitutes a risk to others.

† *The steward will invite you to be seated in the next available place towards the front of the church. This is to avoid the possibility of you having to pass close by to another person. Thank you for your cooperation.*

† *There is a receptacle at the back of church in which you can place your offering and donation for the work of our church. It will be gathered in after the service.*

† *We will be singing hymns quietly and gently behind our face coverings.*

† *We will not exchange the peace in the usual tactile way. Instead it is suggested that you might like to turn to those nearest to you and, holding your hands together in a gesture of prayer 🙏, acknowledge them with a nod of your head and a broad smile.*

† *The service of Holy Communion will entail the bringing of the consecrated bread to you in your pew; the consecrated wine will not be offered to you for safety reasons (as part of our COVID-19 Protocols). Please hold out your hands to receive the bread. Our inability to offer you the consecrated wine does not diminish your Communion with God in Jesus Christ.*

† *At the end of the Service the steward will invite those in the rear pews to depart first, please wait until all the pews behind you are vacated before departing yours. This is to avoid the possibility of you having to pass close by to another person.*

† *Please dispose of this order of service, after use, in line with COVID-19 Protocols*

Thank you for your forbearance in this service as we continue to be vigilant during these dangerous times, notwithstanding the vaccination programme, as we seek to continue to protect you and our other visitors from the ravages of this contagion.

The service is live-streamed on www.churchservices.tv/killarneystmarysloes and is on catch-up on the same link (under the recordings tab)

There will also be a recording on our Church's YouTube Channel "St Mary's Church Killarney" under the Live tab.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

HYMN

Hymn 226 "It is a thing most wonderful" played for us by Jonathan Harig.

1	4
It is a thing most wonderful	I sometimes think about the cross
Almost too wonderful to be	And shut my eyes and try to see
That God's own Son should come from heaven	The cruel nails and crown of thorns
And die to save a child like me	And Jesus crucified for me
2	5
And yet I know that it is true	But even could I see Him die
He came to this poor world below	I could but see a little part
And wept and toiled and mourned and died	Of that great love which like a fire
Only because He loved us so	Is always burning in His heart
3	6
I cannot tell how He could love	How wonderful it is to know
A child so weak and full of sin	His love for me so free and sure
His love must be most wonderful	But yet more wonderful to see
If He could die my love to win	My love for Him so faint and poor
7	
And yet I want to love You Lord	
O teach me how to grow in grace	
That I may love You more and more	
Until I see You face to face	

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.

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.

If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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.**

**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 OF THE DAY

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
Pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,

the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas

and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,

or who can rise up in his holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,

who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,

a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

Such is the company of those who seek him,

of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;

and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is the King of glory?'

'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;

and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is this King of glory?'

'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

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

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Blessèd be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St Mark chapter 6 beginning at verse 14

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptiser has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptiser." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

At the end of each prayer the following is said

Lord, hear us:

Lord, 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

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace to you from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace to you from the Holy Spirit the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you 🙏

and also with you. 🙏

HYMN

Hymn 432 "Love is His Word" played for us by Jonathan Harig.

1
Love is His word love is His way
Feasting with men fasting alone
Living and dying rising again
Love only love is His way
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord
Better than splendour and wealth*

2
Love is His way love is His mark
Sharing His last Passover feast
Christ at His table host to the Twelve
Love only love is His mark ...

3
Love is His mark love is His sign
Bread for our strength wine for our joy
This is my body this is my blood
Love only love is His sign ...

7
Love is His law love is His word
Love of the Lord Father and Word
Love of the Spirit God ever one
Love only love is His word ...

4
Love is His sign love is His news
Do this He said lest you forget
All my deep sorrow all my dear blood
Love only love is His news ...

5
Love is His news love is His name
We are His own chosen and called
Family brethren cousins and kin
Love only love is His name ...

6
Love is His name love is His law
Hear His command all who are His
Love one another I have loved you
Love only love is His law ...

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.

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, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise:
and so with all your people, 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.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessèd are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us
from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son
to become man and suffer death on the cross
to redeem us:
he made there the one complete
and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, 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.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying,
Drink this, all of you,
for 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
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

The Consecrated Bread will be brought to you in the pews. We take the Consecrated Wine spiritually.

THE GREAT SILENCE

we keep silence for a time

Going Out as God's People

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love,
gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through 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.**

HYMN

Hymn 32 "How Great Thou Art" played for us by Jonathan Harig.

1
O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed
*Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art*

2
When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze
...
3
And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
...
4
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art
...

God the Holy Trinity
 make you strong in faith and love,
 defend you on every side,
 and guide you in truth and peace;
 and thus 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!

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