

Service of Holy Communion

Third Sunday in Lent

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

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 424 "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory of The Lord"

1
Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightning
Of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on

2
He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never sound retreat
He is sifting out the hearts
Of men before the judgement seat
O be swift my soul to answer Him
Be jubilant my feet
Our God is marching on

4
In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in His bosom
That transfigures you and me
As He died to make men holy
Let us live to make men free
While God is marching on

5
He is coming like the glory
Of the morning on the wave
He is wisdom to the mighty
He is honour to the brave
So the world shall be His footstool
And the soul of wrong His slave
Our God is marching on

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.
Almighty and everlasting God
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent.
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we may be truly sorry for our sins
and obtain from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us now sit/kneel and call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

THE COMMANDMENTS

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people,
and take them to heart:

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BUT ME.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and
with all your mind and with all your strength.

YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF ANY IDOL.

God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

YOU SHALL NOT DISHONOUR THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD.

You shall worship him with reverence and awe.

REMEMBER THE LORD'S DAY, AND KEEP IT HOLY.

Christ is risen from the dead: set your mind on things that are above, not on
things that are on the earth.

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

Live as servants of God, honour all people, love your brothers and sisters in
Christ.

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER.

Be reconciled to your brother and sister: overcome evil with good.

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

Be honest in all that you do and care for those in need.

YOU SHALL NOT BE A FALSE WITNESS.

Let everyone speak the truth.

YOU SHALL NOT COVET ANYTHING WHICH BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to
receive. Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write all these your laws in our hearts**

In the wilderness we find your grace: you love us with an everlasting love.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

There is none but you to uphold our cause; our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed; Restore us and we shall know your joy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We keep silence for a short while

Make our hearts clean, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.

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.

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.**

Merciful Lord,
Grant your people grace
to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil
and with pure hearts and minds
to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Please sit for the Readings

A READING FROM THE OLD COVENANT

Exodus 17: 1-7

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving

and be glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth

and the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God;

we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice:

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

on that day at Massah in the wilderness,

'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,

though they had seen my works.

'Forty years long I detested that generation and said,

"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

'So I swore in my wrath,

“They shall not enter into my rest.”

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

Romans 5: 1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP

During this hymn your list of names for prayer will be placed on the Altar

Hymn 6 “Immortal Invisible God Only Wise” played for us by Adrian Hilliard

1	3
Immortal invisible	To all life thou givest
God only wise	To both great and small
In light inaccessible	In all life thou livest
Hid from our eyes	The true life of all
Most blessed most glorious	We blossom and flourish
The Ancient of Days	As leaves on the tree
Almighty victorious	And wither and perish
Thy great name we praise	But naught changeth thee
2	4
Unresting unhasting	Great Father of glory
And silent as light	Pure Father of light
Nor wanting nor wasting	Thine angels adore thee
Thou rulest in might	All veiling their sight
Thy justice like mountains	All praise we would render
High soaring above	O help us to see
Thy clouds which are fountains	'Tis only the splendour
Of goodness and love	Of light hideth thee

Please stand

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St John, ch 4 beginning at v5

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

So Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

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.**

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

Being justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 400 "And Now O Father Mindful Of The Love"

1

And now O Father mindful of the love
That brought us once for all on Calvary's tree
And having with us Him that pleads above
We here present we here spread forth to Thee
That only offering perfect in Thine eyes
The one true pure immortal sacrifice

2

Look Father look on His anointed face
And only look on us as found in Him
Look not on our misusings of Thy grace
Our prayer so languid and our faith so dim
For lo between our sins and their reward
We set the Passion of Thy Son our Lord

3

And then for those our dearest and our best
By this prevailing presence we appeal
O fold them closer to Thy mercy's breast
O do Thine utmost for their souls' true weal
From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear
And crown Thy gifts with strength to persevere

4

And so we come O draw us to Thy Feet
Most patient Saviour who canst love us still
And by this food so awful and so sweet
Deliver us from every touch of ill
In Thine own service make us glad and free
And grant us never more to part with Thee

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Merciful Father, turn us from sin to faithfulness
and from disobedience to love, and prepare us to celebrate
the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Risen Lord and saviour,
present among us with the wealth of your love.
Cleanse us from sin and give us the faith
to offer our praise and grow in your grace. **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.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise:
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin;
by whose grace we are able to over come all our temptations:
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.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

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.

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat
the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. 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

Going Out as God's People

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord our God,
you feed us in this life with bread from heaven,
the pledge and foreshadowing of future glory.
Grant that the working of this sacrament within us
may bear fruit in our daily lives;
through 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 632 "I Love To Hear The Story"

1
I love to hear the story
Which angel voices tell
How once the King of glory
Came down on earth to dwell
I am both weak and sinful
But this I surely know
The Lord came down to save me
Because He loved me so

3
To tell His love and mercy
My sweetest songs I'll raise
And though I cannot see Him
I know He hears my praise
For He has kindly promised
That even I may go
To sing among His angels
Because He loves me so.

2
I'm glad my blessed Saviour
Was once a child like me
To show how pure and holy
His little ones might be
And if I try to follow
His footsteps here below
He never will forget me
Because He loves me so

NOTICES

*You are all very warmly invited to join us in refreshments served at the back of church.
The St Patrick's Day Eucharist will be at 7pm on Friday 17th March.
The Wander Wild Festival (Films) 24-25th March. There's a private reception in Plaza
Hotel on 26th March for the parish and visitors immediately after our Service.
The AGM (Easter Vestry) will convene in the Church on Tuesday 28th March at 7pm.*

THE DISMISSAL

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves,
and to take up your cross and follow him.
May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**
May God the Son,
who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**
May God the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**
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 gentleness and humility 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 is Susan Hutchinson
The Leader of Prayers is Susan Hutchinson
The Organist is Adrian Hilliard

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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

“Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory of The Lord” to tune Vision
Julia Ward Howe | Henry Walford Davies
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“Immortal Invisible God Only Wise” to tune St Denio
Walter Chalmers Smith | trad Welsh
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“And Now O Father Mindful Of The Love” to tune Under Et Memores
William Bright | William Henry Monk
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