

Service of Holy Communion

Twentythird Sunday after Trinity

12th November 2023



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

- † *If it is your custom to receive the Sacrament in your own church you are most welcome to do so here today, irrespective of your church tradition. You are invited to come forward to the Altar Rail to kneel and receive both the consecrated bread and wine. Please be sure to give some distance between yourself and others as you come from and return to your place.*
- † *If you still feel hesitant about receiving the wine it would be nice for you to take the Chalice into your hands for a brief moment as a gesture of receiving Christ into your heart, before you return.*
- † ***Please take a slip of paper from the proffered basket, write the names of those for whom you wish to pray and return it to the basket.***

You can download the Order of Service using a QR Code on the poster by the Font.

*A €10 Donation can be made
by scanning this QR Code and following the instructions.*



A plate will be brought round during the third hymn for your cash contribution to the work and ministry of this beautiful church. If you wish to sign up for our Envelope Giving Scheme or for our Mailing please ask for the form.

MOST IMPORTANT

***Before the service starts please ensure your mobile/cell phone
is switched off or is put on
“Flight Mode”.***

This is to prevent interference with our Wireless Sound System.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Gathering of God's People

We greet you all very warmly, and especially those joining us via the internet.

Please turn mobile/cell phones to Flight Mode

THE GREETING

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

A PRAYER FOR THIS NATION

Almighty and merciful God,
Who in the days of old gave to this land
The benediction of thy holy Church;
Withdraw not, we pray, your favour from us,
But so correct what is amiss,
And supply what is lacking,
That we may more and more bring forth fruit to thy glory;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn 219 "From Heaven You Came"

Our Service starts on page 201 in our Green Book of Common Prayer

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.

We keep a few moments of 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 SUNDAY COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the king of all:
Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Keep a marker on Page 204

Our Psalm is on Page 679 in our Green Book of Common Prayer;

Ps 78 and respond with the words after the red dots.

Psalm 78:1-7

Hear my teaching, O my people; ♦

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; ♦

I will pour forth mysteries from of old,

Such as we have heard and known, ♦

which our forebears have told us.

We will not hide from their children, but will recount to generations to come, ♦

the praises of the Lord and his power and the wonderful works he has done.

He laid a solemn charge on Jacob and made it a law in Israel, ♦

which he commanded them to teach their children,

That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn, ♦

that they in turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God ♦

and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments,

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 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP

Hymn 658 "One More Step"

A READING OF THE GOSPEL

Please stand

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St Matthew, ch 25 beginning at v 1
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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

THE SERMON

Please sit for the Sermon

THE STATEMENT OF OUR BELIEF

*We turn to p205 in our Green Book of Common Prayer
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

Please stand for the Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit the Life-giver.

The peace of the Triune God 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 627 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life,
and the bread of heaven. **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

In our Green Book of Common Prayer we now go to p212

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.

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.

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.

You have revealed to us your glory and love
in the glory and love of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit;
three persons, one God,
ever to be worshipped and adored.

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

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

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

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
Look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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 59 "New Every Morning Is The Love"

NOTICES

*Meeting of the SV in the Aghadoe Room on Thursday 16th November at 7pm
Bishop's Peregrination here at 10:30am on November 18th and at the MVC at 11:30am.
Bible Buddies
You are cordially invited to partake of refreshments with us, served at the back of church.*

THE DISMISSAL

God the Holy Trinity
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and so 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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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 Upload tab.



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