

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 – Easter Sunday



**W**elcome to you today if your heart is singing and welcome if your heart is breaking. Welcome if you're anxious about tomorrow and welcome if you don't have a care in the world. Welcome if your conscience is troubling you and welcome if you're barely able to contain your experience of forgiveness.

Welcome if you leapt out of bed this morning and welcome if you had to drag yourself out. Welcome if this is your first visit, and welcome if you have barely missed a single Sunday since the turn of the century. Whether you are here as a visitor or a pilgrim, a seeker or a doubter, a saint or a sinner, a friend or a stranger: you are welcome!

Our service is all on this sheet. If you need further assistance please feel free to ask one of our 'regulars' and they will be only too happy to help you. Toilets and Baby Changing Facilities are beside the church. We hope you enjoy worshipping here with us this morning.

### The Greeting - Luke 24:1-6a

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!

Christ is Risen: **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### Opening Hymn 288 (Edmond L. Budry)

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay:

***Chorus:** Thine be the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!*

2. Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

## **Prayers of Penitence**

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:

**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.**

## **The Absolution**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Easter Collect**

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Easter Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

This is the World of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn 260 (Brian Wren)**

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.
3. In every insult, rift, and war where colour, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

## Address

### Hymn TP125 (Stuart Townend)

1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
as the angels announce Christ is Risen!  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,  
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the man, for he lives: **Christ is Risen from the dead!**

2. See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'  
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till he appears, for he lives: **Christ is Risen from the dead!**

3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with power and authority!  
And we are raised with him, death is dead,  
love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him, for he lives: **Christ is risen from the dead!**

### 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.

### Prayers of Intercession

Lord In Your Mercy: Hear Our Prayer.

Merciful Father: accept these prayers for the sake of you Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### The Prayer of Humble Access

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.

### The Peace

The Risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. *John 20: 19,20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **and also with you.**

### Announcements

#### Offertory Hymn 417 (Christopher Porteous)

1. He gave his life in selfless love, for sinners once he came;  
he had no stain of sin himself; but bore our guilt and shame;  
he took the cup of pain and death, his blood; was freely shed;  
we see his body on the cross, we share the living bread.

2. He did not come to call the good but sinners to repent;  
it was the lame, the deaf, the blind for whom his life was spent:  
to heal the sick, to find the lost it was for such he came,  
and round his table all may come to praise his holy name;

3. They heard him call his Father's name then 'Finished!' was his cry;  
like them we have forsaken him and left him there to die:  
the sins that crucified him then are sins his blood has cured;  
the love that bound him to a cross our freedom has ensured,

4 His body broken once for us is glorious now above;  
the cup of blessing we receive, a sharing of his love:  
as in his presence we partake, his dying we proclaim  
until the hour of majesty when Jesus comes again.

### **Celebrating at the Lord's Table**

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

### **The Great Thanksgiving / Eucharistic Prayer**

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: Above all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us; by dying he destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life:

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. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed 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 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.**

### **Giving of 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.

### **The Great Silence**

*A period of silent reflection is kept after communion.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Living God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily unto sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**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 Blessing and Dismissal**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. May God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

# Virginia Group - Weekly Announcements

## Hospital Visits

If you or someone you know is in hospital and you would like a visit please let the Rector know.

## April 2018

Normal Services

## Announcements: Diocesan/Community

**Virginia Ramblers** walks continue twice weekly including a variety of town & forest walks, a canal walk, Tara, Dalgan Park & Dartry forest. Follow us on Facebook for all details.

**Active Virginians:** Tuesday Social takes place in the Church of Ireland Parish hall at 2.30pm and Bowls in St. John's Hall at 7.30pm. Remember, if you attend both events on a Tuesday, you only pay one weekly fee. New members welcome.

## Announcements: Parish General

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** If you know someone who might like a shawl (e.g. ill or bereaved) contact Ivy Stewart (049) 8545036 or Vida McCauley (049) 8548465.

**Bowling Club:** Monday's in Billis Hall at 8pm.

**Giggles & Wriggles (Baby & Toddler Group):** Tuesdays in Virginia Hall from 10am to 12pm.

**Youth:** Our Grazers Youth Group meets **13<sup>th</sup>** and **27<sup>th</sup> April** from 8.45pm to 10pm. The 'Grazers+' group meets on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April** from 8.45pm to 10pm. Both in Billis Hall.

**General Easter Vestries:** **Munterconnaught** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8.30pm, **Virginia** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8.30pm, **Killinkere** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8.30pm.

**Whist Drives:** **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **17<sup>th</sup>** from 9pm in Virginia Parish Hall.

**JOY (Just Older Youth):** Our next monthly Joy Club meeting takes place on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** in Virginia Parish Hall from 2.30pm to 4pm. A time to catch up, chat, enjoy a cuppa...

**Mothers' Union:** Next Virginia Mothers' Union Meeting: Closing Service on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April** in Killinkere Church.

**World Day Of Prayer:** The rescheduled service will now be on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April** in Mary Immaculate Church at 8pm.

**Parish Day Trip (with Bailieborough Group): 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018.** To St Patrick's Church Monaghan for 10:30am service (followed by tea in the hall) Then the Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh @1pm for dinner followed by free time in the folk park. Bus leaving Tesco Car Park, Bailieborough at 9am.

**Total Cost:** €20 per person, including bus and entry to the folk park. Dinner extra to be paid at the folk park – roughly £8-11stg. If you are interested in coming **contact Valerie Shekleton** at 086 0723642.

**Confirmation 2018:** It is hoped to have confirmation in the Autumn of 2018. If you are interested in Confirmation let the Rector know by the end April 2018. Anyone going into first year in secondary school and older can be confirmed. For anyone to be considered for confirmation they must be regular in church and a regular member of our Grazers Youth Club.

**Billis NS:** Our annual clothes collection takes place on 16th April. Please ask family and friends to remember us if they are doing a spring clean of their wardrobes! Bags can be dropped into school anytime from Mon 9th April, with the collection taking place on the 16th April. The following items are accepted: clean, clothes, bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys. No household bric-a-brac, pillows, duvets or cushions are accepted. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Monthly Prayer Focus

**Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, The Anglican Church of South America, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan, The Anglican Church of Tanzania. **Church of Ireland Diocese:** Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocese: Bishop Ferran Glenfield. **KEA Children's and Youth Co-Ordinators:** Hannah O'Neill, Marion Edwards and Erin Moorcroft. **Arva Group:** Revd Hazel Hicks (Arva, Carrigallen, Columbkill (Aughnaccliffe) and Gowna) **Calry:** Canon Patrick Bamber. **Other Local Churches:** Mary Immaculate - Virginia, Maghera, Clanaphilip, Killinkere, Munterconnaught. Belassis. Redeemed Church of God, Word of Life. **Parish/Townlands:** Killyduff, Kilmore, Kilnagun, Knockaraheen, Knocktemple, Knocknagartan, Knocknaveagh, Lateaster, Lattoon.



- GOD LOVES YOU. JEREMIAH 31:1
- GOD HATES SIN. PSALM 11:5 \ 1 JOHN 3:4
- EVEN IF YOU ARE A "GOOD" PERSON PROVERBS 21:1
- YOU HAVE NOT LIVED A PERFECT LIFE. 1 JOHN 1:8
- NOR HAS ANYONE ELSE. ROMANS 3:23
- YOUR SIN HAS SEPARATED YOU FROM GOD ISAIAH 59:2
- AND YOUR PAYMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH. ROMANS 6:23
- BUT THERE IS GOOD NEWS. LUKE 2:10
- A PERFECT LIFE CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR YOURS. HEB 4:15
- AND GOD LOVED YOU SO MUCH JOHN 3:16
- THAT HE GAVE JESUS AS YOUR SUBSTITUTE. 2 COR 5:21
- AND THROUGH HIS DEATH HEBREWS 9:12
- YOU CAN HAVE LIFE ETERNAL. JOHN 17:3
- AND BY HIS RESURRECTION DEATH IS DEFEATED. JOHN 11:25
- THIS GIFT IS FREE. EPHESIANS 2:8
- YOU COULD NEVER DESERVE IT. GALATIANS 2:16
- AND JUST BY ACCEPTING THIS GIFT ROMANS 10:13
- YOUR SINS WILL BE FORGIVEN AND FORGOTTEN. ACTS 2:38
- YOU WILL BE RECONCILED TO GOD 2 COR 5:18
- AND LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER IN HEAVEN. PHILIPPIANS 3:20

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*If you want anything included on this sheet please let Craig know by Thursday at the latest.*