

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 – Trinity 16



**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 comes from the **Book of Common Prayer (Morning Prayer P101 and Holy Communion P201)**. Hymns come from the **Red Church Hymnal (CH)**. You will also find the relevant parts and supplementary songs 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.

### **Welcome/Introduction (Book of Common Prayer – P201)**

**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.**

### **Opening Hymn TP11: Before The Throne Of God Above**

1. Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart  
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2. When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me, to look on him and pardon me.

3. Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, sinless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with my Lord I cannot die: my soul is purchased by his blood,  
my life is safe with Christ on high, with Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

### **Prayer of Penitence / Absolution (Book of Common Prayer – P202-203)**

**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.**

### **Collect of the Day: Trinity 16**

O Lord, hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup> As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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

## Hymn CH224: How Deep The Father's Love For Us

### Sermon

## Hymn 642: Amazing Grace

### Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each prayer: Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers: 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.**

### Announcements

## Offertory and Communion Hymn CH416: Great God Your Love

### Celebrating at the Lord's Table (Book of Common Prayer – P208)

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

### Communion Prayer 2 (Book of Common Prayer – 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. 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 Breaking of the Bread (Book of Common Prayer – P218)**

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**

God of mercy, through our sharing in this holy sacrament you make us one body in Christ. Fashion us in his likeness here on earth, that we may share his glorious company in heaven, where he lives and reigns now and for ever. **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.**

### **Closing Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord: **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

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## **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.

### **Services**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017: Killinkere 9.45am, Virginia 10.45am, Billis Harvest 3pm (No morning service).**

**Harvest Dates:** Billis 8<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm (Revd Simon Scott), Killinkere 15<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm (David Turner - Church In Chains).

**Date of Confirmation:** This year's confirmation service will be in **Virginia Church on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 10.45am.**

## Announcements: Diocesan/Community

**yKEA Masquerade Ball:** Our next YKEA Gathering will be 7pm on Saturday 7th October at the Bush Hotel, Carrick-On-Shannon. This is an opportunity for our young people to dress up a bit (smart casual-no need for evening wear unless they so desire!) and gather together for dancing and fun. Steve Grasham from CIYD (Church of Ireland Youth Department) will be joining us to speak at the event. Tickets cost €5/£4.50.

**Inside Out:** Inside Out is the annual diocesan young adults weekend for those 18-30ish in the diocese. It takes place in Donegal this year from 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> November. Cost for the weekend is €60. Booking forms available from the Rector.

**Virginia and District Historical Society** will host a lecture on 'The Quakers' Contribution to the Great Famine' in the Riverfront Hotel, Virginia on Friday October 13 at 8.30 pm. The speaker will be Rob Goodbody who has an M.A. in Local History. All are welcome. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served after the lecture.

**National breastfeeding week** (2-6 October) and the Peer Breastfeeding Support Group are marking the event with a coffee morning in Virginia Parish Hall on Wednesday 4th October 2017 from 10am onwards.

## 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. Finished Until September.

**Girls' Friendly Society:** Finished Until September.

**Giggles & Wrigglers (Baby & Toddler Group):** Tuesday and Thursdays in Virginia Hall from 10am to 12pm.

**Parish Reader Training:** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> October - Virginia Parish Hall.

**Fodder Bible Study Group:** Throughout **September and October** we will be looking in more detail at the 'Five Solas' 8pm to 9pm on Wednesdays and from 11am to 12pm on Friday's - Both in the Rectory.

**Whist Drives:** October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 from 9pm in Virginia Parish Hall.

**JOY (Just Older Youth):** Our next monthly Joy meeting takes place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Virginia Parish Hall from 2.30pm to 4pm. A time to catch up, chat, enjoy a cuppa...

**Mothers' Union:** The Mother Union's meets for an opening service on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 8pm in Ballyjamesduff Church.

**Youth:** Our Grazers Youth Group begins again on 13<sup>th</sup> October and will meet each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday night in Billis Hall from 8.45pm to 10.15pm. Grazers is for anyone who is in 1<sup>st</sup> year to 3<sup>rd</sup> year in secondary school. This year we are planning to extend our youth work to include 4<sup>th</sup> year onwards, this group (no name as yet!) will meet in Billis Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 8.45am to 10.15pm and we are delighted that Hannah O'Neill our diocesan youth co-ordinator will be helping us with this new venture. The first meeting will be Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Car Boot Sale:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Cars €10, Cars and Trailers/Vans €15. Gates open 8am.

**Messy Church:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 in Billis Hall from 3pm to 5pm

## Monthly Prayer Focus

**Anglican Communion:** Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, The Church of England, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. **Church of Ireland Diocese: Clogher:** Bishop John McDowell. **Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocese:** Bishop Ferran Glenfield. **KEA Children's and Youth Co-Ordinators:** Hannah O'Neill and Marion Edwards. **Kildrumferton Group:** Revd Simon Scott (Ballyjamesduff, Ballymahugh and Kildrumferton), **Edgeworthstown Group:** Revd Christiaan Snell (Mostrim, Granard, Clonbroney, Kiloe, Rathaspeck Streete, Kilglass). **Other Local Churches:** Mary Immaculate - Virginia, Maghera, Clanaphilip, Killinkere, Munterconnaught. Belassis. Redeemed Church of God, Word of Life. **Parish/Townlands:** Carrickeeshil, Carrickgorman, Carricknamaddoo, Carricknaveagh, Cleffin, Cleggan, Coolnacola, Coppanagh Glebe, Coragh.

**This Weekly Sheet and the Sunday Sermon can be downloaded from the Parish Website or Facebook:**

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