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Sunday 10th September 2017 – Trinity 13

Welcome to you today if your heart is singing and welcome if your heart is breaking. Welcome if you're

Welcome F to Church anxious about tomorrow and welcome if you don't have a care in the world. Welcome if you 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 - Pioi)

Hymn 709: Praise the Lord!

Confession/Absolution (Book of Common Prayer - P102)

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word (Book of Common Prayer - Pro3)

O Lord, open our lips: and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise the Lord: The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18 (Book of Common Prayer - P754)

¹⁻ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ²⁻ You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways. ³⁻ For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. ⁴⁻ You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. ⁵⁻ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it. ¹²⁻ For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹³⁻ I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are your works, my soul knows well. ¹⁴⁻ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁵⁻ Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; already in your book were all my members written, ¹⁶⁻ As day by day they were fashioned when as yet there was none of them. ¹⁷⁻ How deep are your counsels to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸⁻ If I count them, they are more in number than the sand, and at the end, I am still in your presence.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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

Hymn 597: Take My Life, And Let It Be

Reading: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' ³¹ "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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

A Thought!

Hymn 550: Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

The Apostles' Creed (Book of Common Prayer – P112)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Book of Common Prayer - PII2)

The Lord be with you: and also with you.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer (Book of Common Prayer - P113)

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.

Show us your mercy, O Lord: and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers: and grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness: and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people: and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord: and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us: and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day: Trinity 13

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: Help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

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 Grace (Book of Common Prayer - P116)

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Announcements

Closing and Offertory Hymn 492: Ye Servants Of God

Closing Diocesan 20:20 Prayer

Heavenly Father, we want to catch your vision for these dioceses and for our parish. But to catch your vision we first need to listen to you. Too often we leave you out. Forgive us. Help us to catch a sense of where your Spirit is leading. Give us courage to love and serve you. Give us boldness to proclaim Christ faithfully and to build your kingdom. Lord, come to us; our door is open. Amen.

Blessing And Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: in the name of Christ. Amen.

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

Harvest Dates: Virginia 24th September at 8pm (Revd William Stacey), Munterconnaught 1st October at 4pm (Revd Ken Gibson - Leprosy Mission), Billis 8th October at 3pm (Revd Simon Scott), Killinkere 15th October at 3pm (David Turner - Church In Chains).

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

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.

Grazers Youth: Finished Until September.

Gigglers & Wrigglers (Baby & Toddler Group): Tuesday and Thursdays in Virginia Hall from 10am to 12pm. **Re-Opens on Tuesday 5**th **September 2017**.

Car Boot Sale: Saturday 16th September 2017. Cars €10, Cars and Trailers/Vans €15. Gates open 8am.

Whist Drives: September 19th 2017 from 9pm in Virginia Hall.

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

Announcements: Diocesan/Community

Derryheen Parish Church: Songs of Praise with Royal School Choir on Sunday 10th September at 7pm. Supper afterwards.

Cavan County Museum will host a Hedge School Event 'Keeping the head down - Protestant Folklore Project' on Thursday 14th September at 7.30 p.m. Join History Ireland editor, Tommy Graham, for a lively and enlightening round-table discussion with Deirdre Nuttall (National Folklore Collection), Niall Meehan (Griffith College), Críostoir MacCartaigh (National Folklore Collection) and Malachy Hand (Loughcrew Megalitic Centre) – Everyone welcome.

Virginia and District Historical Society will host a lecture on 'In memory of Dr. Philip O' Connell distinguished historian, late of Maghera, Virginia. His nephew, Philip O' Connell will deliver the lecture in the Show Centre, Virginia on Friday September 15th at 8.30 pm. All are welcome.

Learn to Jive with Mairéad Gaffney & Craig Lovett. Five week course commencing at 8.30pm on Tuesday 19th September in St Joseph's Hall, Ballyjamesduff. No partner needed. Contact 086 1763044 / 086 1928568 for further details.

Monthly Prayer Focus

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Burundi, The Anglican Church of Canada, The Church of the Province of Central Africa. Church of Ireland Diocese: Cashel, Ferns and Ossory: Bishop Michael Burrows. Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocese: Bishop Ferran Glenfield KEA Children's and Youth Co-Ordinators: Hannah O'Neill and Marion Edwards. Kinawey and Holy Trinity Group (Drumany, Derrylin and Holy Trinity Church) Ardagh Group: Ruth Galbraith (Lay Pastor), (Ardagh, Moydow, Tashinny, Shrule, Kilcommick) Other Local Churches: Mary Immaculate - Virginia, Maghera, Clanaphilip, Killinkere, Munterconnaught. Belassis. Redeemed Church of God, Word of Life. Parish/Townlands: Burnew, Burrencarragh, Burrenrea, Cargagh, Carnagarve, Carnalynch, Carrakeelty Beg, Carrakeelty More, Carrick.

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

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