

Sunday 11th March 2018 – Lent 4



Welcome 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 CH330: God Is Here As We His People

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: Lent 4

Lord God whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: Give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song: Thank You Jesus For My Mum

1. Thank you Jesus for my mum in this new millennium,
And thank you for the times to come. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, mum.

Chorus: La la la la la la...

2. Thank you Jesus for my mum cheers me up when I am glum,
Helps with homework, does my sums. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, mum.

3. Thank you Jesus for my mum, keeps me clean and fills my tum,
Cleans my trainers though they hum. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, mum.

4. Thank you Jesus for my mum, thinks I'm an angel but she's wrong
Sees my good points, when there's none. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, mum.

Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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

Hymn TP102: My Jesus My Saviour

My Jesus, My Saviour. Lord there is none like You.
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.
Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing, power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Sermon

Hymn CH559: All To Jesus I Surrender

Prayers of Intercession (Book of Common Prayer – P206)

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 (Book of Common Prayer – P218)

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 (Book of Common Prayer – P207)

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 CH415: For The Bread That You Have Broken

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.**

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: 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 (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 (Book of Common Prayer – P219)

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

Father, through your goodness we are refreshed through your Son in word and sacrament. May our faith be so strengthened and guarded that we may witness to your eternal love by our words and in our lives. Grant this for Jesus sake, our Lord.. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion (Book of Common Prayer – P221)

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 (Book of Common Prayer – P221)

Dismissal (Book of Common Prayer – P221)

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.

March Services

Sundays as normal.

St. Patrick's Day Community Service: Murmod Hill at 8.30am.

St. Patrick's Day Communion: Billis Church at 10.30am.

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.

Virginia and District Historical Society will host a lecture on 'Francis Ledwidge, poet and soldier in WW1' by Danny Cusack in the Riverfront Hotel Virginia on Friday March 9th at 8.30 pm. All are welcome.

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.

Crisis of Democracy In Ireland Tour with John Waters and Fr. Marcel Guarnizo discussing the 8th Amendment and the protection of human life - **Friday 23rd March at 7pm in the Lakeside Manor.**

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.

Gigglers & Wrigglers (Baby & Toddler Group): Tuesdays in Virginia Hall from 10am to 12pm.

Youth: Our Grazers Youth Group meets **23rd March** from 8.45pm to 10pm. The 'Grazers+' group meets on **Friday 6th April** from 8.45pm to 10pm. Both in Billis Hall.

Lenten Bible Study 2018: March 14, 21, in the Rectory from 8pm to 9pm.

Bingo Night: The rescheduled Bingo Night run by Billis NS Parents Association will now be on **Saturday 24th March** in **Billis Hall at 7pm**. Admission: Child €3, Adult €5 (Max €20 per family). Proceed to Billis NS Parents Association.

Whist Drives: March 20th from 9pm in Virginia Parish Hall.

Mothers' Union: Make a Mother's Day Collection - If you would like to make a donation Ivy Stewart, Cherry Smith, Florence Cassidy, Gillian Kellett and Vida McCauley are collecting the money. Next Mothers' Union Meeting: **Tuesday 13th March** in Virginia Hall.

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

Tear Fund: Thank you to all who helped with and supported our coffee morning in Killinkere Hall. Nearly €300 raised.

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

General Easter Vestries: **Billis** Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 8.30pm, **Munterconnaught** Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 8.30pm, **Virginia** Thursday 5th April 2018 at 8.30pm, **Killinkere** Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 8.30pm.

Parish Day Trip (with Bailieborough Group): 6th 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.

Monthly Prayer Focus

Anglican Communion: The Scottish Episcopal Church, Church of the Province of South East Asia, The Church of South India (United). **Church of Ireland Diocese: Dublin and Glendalough:** Archbishop Michael Jackson. **Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocese:** Bishop Ferran Glenfield. **KEA Children's and Youth Co-ordinators:** Hannah O'Neill and Marion Edwards. **Annagh Group: Revd Tanya Woods** (Beltrubet, Cloverhill, Drumaloor and Drumlane), **Boyle: Revd Edward Yendell** (Ardcarne, Aghanagh, Croghan, Boyle, Taunagh, Ballysumnagh, Kilmactranny). **Other Local Churches:** Mary Immaculate - Virginia, Maghera, Clanaphilip, Killinkere, Munterconnaught. Belassis. Redeemed Church of God, Word of Life. **Parish/Townlands:** Greaghadoo, Greaghadosan, Greaghclough, Greaghduff, Greaghnacunnia, Greaghnafarna, Invyarroge Island, Keelagh Glebe

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