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Sunday 14th May 2017 – Easter 5

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 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 Pioi 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.

Hymn CH25: All Things Bright And Beautiful

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: Easter 5

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**.

Reading: John 6:16-21 - Jesus Walks On Water

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸ A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." ²¹ Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

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

Hymn CH647: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Sermon

Hymn TP167: With Jesus In The Boat

With Jesus in the boat we can smile at the storm,

smile at the storm, smile at the storm.

With Jesus in the boat we can smile at the storm as we go sailing home.

Sailing, sailing home. Sailing, sailing home.

With Jesus in the boat we can smile at the storm as we go sailing home. (x2)

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: 428 Let Us Break Bread Together We Are One

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

Eternal God, in word and sacrament we proclaim your truth in Jesus Christ and share his life. In his strength may we ever walk in his way, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

Virginia Group - Weekly Announcements

Services May 2017

Sunday's 21/28 May 2017: Killinkere 9.45am, Virginia 10.45am, Billis 12pm (Morning Prayer)

Announcements: Diocesan/Community

GFS: 140th Celebration Service - Sunday 21st May at 3.00 pm in Christ Church, Bray. All Welcome.

Hospital Visits

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

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.

Gigglers & Wrigglers (Baby & Toddler Group): Meets in Virginia Hall each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10am to 12pm.

Mothers' Union Dates: 18th May 2017: Farewell meal for the Snell Family - Virginia Hall at 5.30pm. Please let Vida know if you are coming. Tuesday 23rd May 2017: Diocesan Festival Service in Kilmore Cathedral on. Also: Can you give any outstanding overseas monies to Ivy Stewart or Vida McCauley before or by the 23rd May 2017.

Whist Drives: 16th and 30th May 2017 from 9pm in Virginia Hall.

Car Boot Sale: Saturday 20th May 2017. Cars €10, Cars and Trailers/Vans €15. Gates open 8am.

yKEA - Prayer and Worship Evening: Virginia Church Sunday 28th May 2017 at 8pm.

JOY (Just Older Youth): Our next monthly Joy meeting takes place on **Wednesday 7th June 2017** in Virginia Parish Hall from **2.30pm to 4pm**. A time to catch up, chat, enjoy a cuppa...

DATE OF CONFIRMATION: This year's confirmation service will be in Virginia Church on Sunday 26th November 2017 at 10.45am. Date of confirmation classes to be confirmed.

Message from Cherry: Thanks for supporting the Alzheimer's tea morning - €510 raised.

Monthly Prayer Focus

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Uganda, The Episcopal Church (USA), The Church in Wales. Church of Ireland Diocese: Limerick, Killaloe and Ardfert: Bishop Ken Kearon. Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocese: Bishop Ferran Glenfield KEA Children's and Youth Co-Ordinators: Hannah O'Neill and Marion Edwards. Bailieborough Group: Revd Ian Horner (Bailieborough, Knockbride, Mullagh and Shercock), Drumcliffe: Archdeacon Isaac Hanna (Drumcliffe, Lissadell, Munninane). Other Churches: Mary Immaculate - Virginia, Maghera, Clanaphilip, Killinkere, Munterconnaught. Belassis. Redeemed Church of God, Word of Life. Parish/Townlands: Lisduff, Lisgrea, Lislea, Lisnagirl, Lismeen, Lisnabantry, Lisnafana, Lissacapple, Lissannymore.

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 Ven. Craig know by $\underline{Friday\ Lunchtime}$ at the latest.

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