

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 4<sup>th</sup> Before Advent



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 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.**

### Hymn TP26: Come, Lord, And Meet Us

1. Come, Lord, and meet us in this holy hour, come, Lord and greet us; come to us in power; come with refreshment for the weary soul; come, Lord, with healing; make the broken whole.
2. Stand then before us as the rite begins; cleanse and restore us; free us from our sins, and, as we contemplate our foolish ways, turn all our sadness into joy and praise.
3. Lord, our provider, when the feast is spread, furnished with wine and everlasting bread, fill us with goodness, strengthen us with grace, ever enfold us all in love's embrace.
4. Lord, who invites us now to come and dine; speak through the sacrament of bread and wine, and, as we celebrate our Saviour's love, fit us for glory in the realms above.

### 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: 4<sup>th</sup> Before Advent

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: Grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Euro Sermon

#### Song Jesus Love Is Very Wonderful

Jesus' love is very wonderful; Jesus' love is very wonderful,  
Jesus' love is very wonderful, Oh, wonderful love!  
It's so high you can't get over it, so low you can't get under it,  
So wide you can't get round it, oh, wonderful love!

#### Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

<sup>6</sup>In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."<sup>11</sup> We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. <sup>13</sup>And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire

of doing what is good. <sup>14</sup> Take special note of anyone who does not obey our instruction in this letter. Do not associate with them, in order that they may feel ashamed. <sup>15</sup> Yet do not regard them as an enemy, but warn them as you would a fellow believer.

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

## Hymn CH44: Praise And Thanksgiving, Father, We Offer

### Sermon Series: Rhythms Finding Rest For Your Soul

**Theme:** Working is an essential responsibility and does not have to be separate from our worship of God.

**Application Point:** Working hard doesn't mean resting less.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's sermon?
2. Have you ever thought about your work being a form of worship?
3. Do you think our culture puts too much priority on work and not enough on rest?
4. Why is it important to have a proper view of working hard?
5. What is your "work, rest, worship" rhythm like?

**Next Week's Reading:** Mark 2:23-28

**Next Week's Theme:** Rest is a gift from God that should be a normal part of our routine.

## Hymn CH597: Take My Life And Let It Be

### The Nicene Creed ((Book of Common Prayer – P205)

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 (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 CH446: Strengthen For Service Lord The Hands

### 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**

Lord of heaven, in this communion service you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect. As in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ 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.**

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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.

### **Announcements: Diocesan/Community**

**Hazel Rod Dance Therapy:** Starting in Virginia Hall on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November for 4 weeks from 10am. Cost is €10 per week. Hazel Rod Dance Therapy is a dance exercise programme that engages body & mind, is beneficial for chronic tension, muscle fatigue, pain & soreness in the upper back, shoulders, neck and is a gentle workout for all levels of fitness and ages groups. Booking Essential to ballyhughart@gmail.com

**Virginia and District Historical Society** will host a lecture on "The Role of Michael Collins during the War of Independence 1919-1921" by John Smith, in the Riverfront Hotel, Virginia on Friday November 9th at 8.30 pm. All are welcome.

## November Services

11<sup>th</sup> November 2018: 9.45am Killinkere, 10.45am Virginia, 12pm Billis - All Morning Prayer  
11<sup>th</sup> November 2018: 3pm to 5pm Messy Church in Billis Hall  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2018: 9.45am Killinkere, 10.45am Virginia, 12pm Billis – All Morning Prayer  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2018: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Evening Service in Billis at 7pm  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2018: 9.45am Killinkere, 10.45am Virginia, 12pm Billis – Service Of The Word

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

**Mothers' Union:** Next meeting: Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 8pm in Virginia Parish Hall. Speaker will be Laura Doughty who will be sharing about her time teaching in Uganda. All welcome to attend. Please bring shoeboxes. Cavan Christian Bookshop will also be there.

**Youth: Grazers** (Secondary School 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Year): November 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Billis Hall from 8.30pm to 10pm.

**Messy Church:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Billis Hall from 3pm to 5pm.

**Whist Drives:** November 13<sup>th</sup> from 8.30pm in Virginia Parish Hall.

**JOY (Just Older Youth):** Our next monthly Joy Club meeting takes place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** 2018 in Virginia Parish Hall from 2.30pm to 4pm. A time to catch up, chat, enjoy a cuppa...

**Safeguarding Trust Training:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Virginia Hall at 7.30pm

**Car Boot Sales:** November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>. All in Virginia Church Grounds. Gates open at 8am. Cars €10 and Vans €15.

**Confirmation 2018:** Date of Confirmation Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 at 10.30am in Bailieborough. Please pray for Odhran Hanley, Sarah Magovern and Lucy Kennedy (All Lurgan Parish).

**Weekly Collection** - The weekly offering is an important part of our Christian life and enables ministry to happen across the Virginia Group of Parishes, we are grateful for the generosity of many and for the volunteer work of our treasurers, however as banks become more particular and fussy about lodgements can we ask (even if it means combining a number of weeks collection) that weekly envelopes contain notes only rather than coins (which the banks don't want to take!). If you need envelopes do let the Rector know and the treasurer will provide you with them. Alternatively you can sign up to direct debit, ask the Rector for details. Thank You.

**House For Rent:** If anyone knows of a 4 bedroom house for rent in and around BJD or surrounding area can you let the Rector know. Thanks.

## November Prayer Focus

**Worldwide Church:** The Church in: Indian, Japan, Jerusalem & The Middle East. **Church of Ireland Diocese: Connor:** Bishop Alan Abernathy. **Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocese:** Bishop Ferran Glenfield. **KEA Children's and Youth Co-ordinators:** Hannah O'Neill and Damian Shorten. **Killeshandra Group:** Revd Canon Ali Calvin (Killeshandra, Killegar and Derrylane), **South Leitrim:** Rev Linda Frost (Mohill, Kiltoghert, Farnaught, Aughavas, Oughteragh, Kiltrubrid, Drumreilly, Fenagh, Drumshambo, Annaduff). **Other Local Churches:** Mary Immaculate - Virginia, Maghera, Clanaphilip, Killinkere, Munterconnaught. Belassis. Redeemed Church of God, Word of Life. **Parish/Townlands:** Coranach, Cornashesk, Cornaslieve, Corradooa, Corraneden, Corratinner, Correagh Glebe, Corronagh, Crannadillon.

This Weekly Sheet and the Sunday Sermon can be downloaded from the Parish Website.



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