9 May 2021 – Easter 6 Killaney and Carryduff Parishes

The Greeting – Hello and Welcome

*stand*  
Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all and also with you

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, •  
for he has done marvellous things.

2 His own right hand and his holy arm •  
have won for him the victory.

4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel , •  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; •  
break into singing and make music.

6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre, •  
with the lyre and the voice of melody.

8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, •  
the world and all that dwell upon it.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands •  
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

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.

Welcome

O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.  
Let us worship the Lord.  
All praise to his name.

*The prayer ends with these words:*  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn 259 (seated) – Christ Triumphant

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!*

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!*

4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

5 So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

Penitence – saying sorry

O God, our loving Father in heaven,  
we confess that we have sinned against you;

we have broken your commandments;  
we have often been selfish,  
and we have not loved you as we should.

For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Forgiveness – a reminder of God’s gift

Preparing – to hear God’s word

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
and a light upon our path.  
O Lord, your word is everlasting:  
it stands firm for ever in the heavens.

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.  
So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

1 John 5:1-6 – Please be seated

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God

John 15:9-17 – Please remain seated

9 ‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: love each other.

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Hymn 606 (seated) – As the deer pants

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart’s desire  
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart’s desire  
and I long to worship you.*

2 I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

3 You’re my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a King.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

Word Collect – Love one another

The Sermon – A Lesson in Love

Declaring Faith (standing) – affirming our belief

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
who made the world?  
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed mankind?  
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God?  
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.  
This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in One God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Praying Together (seated) – Intercessions

Sunday Collect – Easter 6

The Lord’s Prayer – we pray with Jesus

A Thanksgiving – we give thanks to God

For every blessing we have received we give you thanks and praise

*Finally we say together:*

Be with us Lord, as we go out into the world.

# May the lips that have sung your praise always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your Word listen only to what is good

# and may our lives, as well as our worship, be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 627 (seated) – What a friend

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations,  
is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Jesus is our only refuge:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer:  
in his arms he’ll take and shield you,  
you will find a solace there.

The Blessing – and Dismissal

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
In the name of Christ. Amen.