5 September 2021 – Climate Sunday

GREETING

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

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Send forth your Spirit, O Lord
and renew the face of the earth.

OPENING COLLECT

Hymn 360 – Let all the world in every corner sing

# Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,

# "My God and King!"

# The heav'ns are not too high,

# His praise may thither fly;

# the earth is not too low,

# His praises there may grow.

# Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,

# "My God and King!"

# 2

# Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,

# "My God and King!"

# The church with psalms must shout:

# no door can keep them out.

# But above all the heart

# must bear the longest part.

# Let all the world in ev'ery corner sing,

# "My God and King!"

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

## Creator God, maker of heaven and earth, We acknowledge our failure to live responsibly as part of your creation.We have taken what we want, without considering the consequences; we have wasted and discarded, without thought for the future.Open our hearts and minds to the signs of our times, to the groaning of creation, so that we may turn from our greed and lack of vision and see a world being made anew in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Bible Reflection –Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is more desirable than great riches;
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

Rich and poor have this in common:
The LORD is the Maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity,
and the rod they wield in fury will be broken.

The generous will themselves be blessed,
**for they share their food with the poor.**

Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court,
for the LORD will take up their case and will exact life for life.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Bible Reading – Mark 7: 31-37

# Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spat and touched the man’s tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, ‘Ephphatha!’ (which means ‘Be opened!’). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. ‘He has done everything well,’ they said. ‘He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.’

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Hymn 50 – Think of a world without any flowers

# Think of a world without any flowers,

# think of a world without any trees,

# think of a sky without any sunshine,

# think of the air without any breeze.

# We thank you, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine.

# We thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

# 2 Think of a world without any animals,

# think of a field without any herd,

# think of a stream without any fishes,

# think of a dawn without any bird.

# We thank you, Lord, for all your living creatures.

# We thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

# 3 Think of a world without any people,

# think of a street with no one living there,

# think of a town without any houses,

# no one to love and nobody to care.

# We thank you, Lord, for families and friendships.

# We thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

Sermon – Climate Sunday

## Lord of life and giver of hope, we pledge ourselves to care for creation, to reduce our waste, to live sustainably, and to value the rich diversity of life.May your wisdom guide us, that life in all its forms may flourish, and may be faithful in voicing creation’s praise.**May the commitment we have made this day be matched by our faithful living.** **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

## 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!

… 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.

. . in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Hymn 352 – Give Thanks

# Give thanks with a grateful heart

# Give thanks to the Holy One

# Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

# And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

# Let the poor say, "I am rich

# Because of what the Lord has done for us"

Come to the Table – or wait to be served if desired

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.

Blessing

Hymn – Joyful Joyful

# Joyful, joyful, we adore you,

# God of glory, Lord of love;

# Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,

# Op'ning to the sun above.

# Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;

# Drive the dark of doubt away;

# Giver of immortal gladness,

# Fill us with the light of day!

# All Your works with joy surround you,

# Earth and heav'n reflect your rays,

# Stars and angels sing around you,

# Center of unbroken praise;

# Field and forest, vale and mountain,

# Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

# Chanting bird and flowing fountain

# Praising you eternally!

# Always giving and forgiving,

# Ever blessing, ever blest,

# Well-spring of the joy of living,

# Ocean-depth of happy rest!

# Loving Father, Christ our Brother,

# Let Your light upon us shine;

# Teach us how to love each other,

# Lift us to the joy divine.

# Mortals, join the mighty chorus,

# Which the morning stars began;

# God's own love is reigning o’er us,

# Joining people hand in hand.

# Ever singing, march we onward,

# Victors in the midst of strife;

# Joyful music leads us onward

# In the triumph song of life.

This Week

TONIGHT at 7:00 SNATCH

# A new event in our calendar for September: a weekly event for young adults and people of all ages who wish to learn more about God. If you have a bible to bring with you, that might be helpful, and maybe a pen if you find you want to take notes.

Select Vestry

# **Carryduff** on Monday 6th at 7:30 pm in The Jeremy Taylor Chapel

# **Killaney** on Tuesday 14th at 7:30 pm in hall or online (to be decided; let Colin know)