

Freedom Sunday – 12 September 2021 Trinity 15

Welcome

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

Thanks & Praise 11 – Before the throne

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great high priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is written on his hands,
My name is hidden on his heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
no power can force me to depart,
no power can force me to depart,
2 When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me
to look on him and pardon me

3 Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
my perfect, sinless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord I cannot die:
my soul is purchased by His blood,
my life is safe with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God
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Introduction – A call to set the captives and prisoners free:

Isaiah 58:3,6-10

“Why have we fasted,” the people say, “and you have not seen it?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?”
‘Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers.
(Together we say...)

**Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice and
untie the cords of the yoke,**

**to set the oppressed free and
break every yoke?**

**Is it not to share your food with the hungry and
to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?**

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: here am I. 'If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Venite 1-7 – A Call to Worship

Confession & Absolution

Lord, we confess our sins

Have mercy, we pray.

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Children's Song 480 – God forgave my sin

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name;
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

He said:

'Freely, freely, you have received,
freely, freely give;
go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live'.

2 All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.

3 God gives us life in Jesus' name,
he lives in us in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his peace as he told me to.

Sunday School begins – In the church hall

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

with Ben McMechan

Bible Reading – Exodus 3:7-12

The LORD said (to Moses), ‘I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.’ But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ And God said, ‘I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.’

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Response – Prayer and dedication

Together we pray:

**God of peace draw near,
God of comfort draw near,
God of justice draw near.**

**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.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Affirming our Faith in the God of deliverance

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us**

with power from on high.

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn 643 – Be thou my vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

3 Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise:
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5 High King of heaven, when the battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun,
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Closing Prayers

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Next Week is VOCATION SUNDAY with a message from Bishop David McClay

8:30 am Holy Communion in Carryduff

10:00 am in Carryduff

12:00 pm in Killaney

7:00 pm SNATCH

Snatch

Tonight at 7:00 pm SNATCH, a new teaching event based in Carryduff, is designed to help us determine how God wants us to treat our bibles.

On **Tuesday** Killaney Vestry meets

On **Wednesday** at 10:00 am our Midweek Communion at St. Ignatius', Carryduff

