St. Ignatius', Carryduff 31 October 2021 at 3:00 pm

A Service of the Word for those Bereaved during the Pandemic

Preparation

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God’s goodness, mercy and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

Words of Welcome

Hymn 21 - The Lord’s my Shepherd

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want,  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness  
e’en for his own Name’s sake.

3 Yea though I walk in death’s dark vale  
yet will I fear none ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God’s house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

Penitence - Seeking God’s Mercy

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Words of Praise - Anticipating heaven

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Blessed are those who have not seen him and yet have believed.  
**He is our Lord and our God.**

We have seen his glory,  
**the glory which he had as the Father’s only Son,  
full of grace and truth.**

The Lord says to us, ‘Do you love me?’  
**Our hearts reply, ‘You know that we love you.’**

Jesus says, ‘Whoever comes to me shall never hunger.  
**whoever believes in my shall never thirst.’**

This is the Lamb of God  
**who takes away the sins of the world.**

Jesus is the resurrection and the life:  
**those who believe in him shall never die.**

Yes! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Bible Reading - Revelation 21:1–7

A Reading form Revelation chapter 21 beginning at verse 1

Then I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth,’ for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death” or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ He said to me: ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

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

Sermon - The triumph of hope

Hymn 627 - What a friend we have in Jesus

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.

Remembering those we love but see no longer

Easter Anthems - Celebrating Christ’s Resurrection

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us, •   
**therefore let us celebrate the feast,**

Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness, •   
**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ, once raised from the dead dies no more; •   
**death has no more dominion over him.**

In dying, he died to sin once for all; •   
**in living, he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin; •  
 **and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Christ has been raised from the dead: •   
**the firstfruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death, •   
**by man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

For as in Adam all die, •   
**even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

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.**

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?  
**We 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. Amen.**

The Collect - A Prayer for Triumph

Prayers of Intercession

Compassionate God:  
**Hear the prayers of your people.**

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.**

The Dismissal Prayer

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 62 - Abide with me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;  
earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

We thank all who have assisted in the preparation of the service today, and you for being present.