**28 November 2021 - Advent Sunday – Killaney and Carryduff**

**The Greeting - Hello and Welcome**

The Lord be with you **and also with you**

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

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

**Thanks & Praise 102 - My Jesus, My Saviour**

My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord there is no one like you.  
All of my days, I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength,  
let every breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand,  
nothing compares to the  
promise I have in you.

**Penitence - saying sorry**

Father, forgive us: **save us and help us**

**Lighting the 1st Candle - The First Sunday in Advent**

**Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: the ‘fathers’ of Israel**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
born in David’s city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
be King of our lives today. Amen.**

Sunday School materials handed out to children  
A Parent may, if they wish them to go out of the church building, accompany them to the church hall where the service is broadcast over speakers. (Carryduff only)

**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.**

**Jeremiah 33:14–16 - please be seated**

‘ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.  
‘ “In those days and at that time  
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;  
he will do what is just and right in the land.  
In those days Judah will be saved  
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:  
The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.”

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

**Psalm 25:1–9 - we stand to say**

1.To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; •  
**let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.**

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame, •  
**but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.**

3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, •  
**and teach me your paths.**

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, •  
**for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, •  
**for they are from everlasting.**

6 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, •  
**but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; •  
**therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.**

8 He will guide the humble in doing right •  
**and teach his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth •  
**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

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.**

**Luke 21:25–36 - Please be seated**

‘There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’  
He told them this parable: ‘Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.  
‘Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.  
‘Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth.

Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.’

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

**Hymn 379 - Break thou the bread of life**

Break thou the bread of life,  
dear Lord to me,  
as thou didst break the loaves  
beside the sea;  
beyond the sacred page  
I seek thee, Lord,  
my spirit longs for thee, O living Word.

2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,  
to me, to me,  
as thou didst bless the bread  
by Galilee;  
then shall all bondage cease,  
all fetters fall,  
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

**Word Collect - … the day is at hand**

**The Sermon - Waiting**

**Hymn 581 - I the Lord of sea and sky**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Refrain  
Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord,  
if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Declaring Faith - affirming our belief**

**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.**

**Praying Together - Intercessions**

Let us pray to the Lord  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Sunday Collect - Advent Sunday**

**The Lord’s Prayer - we pray with Jesus**

**The Grace - We live by faith not by works**

We go into the world  
**to walk in God’s light,**  
**to rejoice in God’s love**  
**and to reflect God’s glory.**

**Hymn 132 - Lo! he comes!**

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
we who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Lord, have mercy,  
let us all thine Advent see.

3 Those dear tokens of his Passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O Come quickly  
Everlasting God, come down.

**The Blessing - and Dismissal**

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**