

Killaney & Carryduff | Parish Communion | 5 December | Advent 2
Collect for Purity.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Advent Wreath - The Prophets

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love. Amen.

Saying sorry

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

The Collect - Advent 2

Hymn 100 - Jesus loves me

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Jesus loves me! he who died_
heaven's gate to open wide;
he will help me and will stay
close beside me all the way.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Philippians 1:3–11 - please be seated

Philippians 1:3-11 (NIVUK)

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

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

Luke 3:1–6 - Please stand

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke chapter 3, beginning at verse 1 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar ... during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

‘A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
And all people will see God’s salvation.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Hymn 126 - Hark a thrilling voice is sounding

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding.
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
“Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day.”

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

4 that when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

The Sermon - The Prophets

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Maranatha: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people,
who trust in your love.**

**By your coming, raise us to share in the
joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

At the Lord's Table

**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.

... In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death,
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

... do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

... do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ: dying, you destroyed our death,
rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

... of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

... for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking bread

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 325 - Be still. for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Going Out as God's People

**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.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn 634 - Love divine all loves excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art,
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.