

Killaney and Carryduff Parish Communion 2 January 2022 Christmas 2

Hymn 189 - As with gladness men of old 1-4

As with gladness, men of old
Did the guiding star behold
As with joy they hailed its light
Leading onward, beaming bright
So, most glorious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped
Saviour, to that lowly manger bed
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed soul at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

The Gathering of God's People

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

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.**

Penitence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word
and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we
humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us
and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your
name. Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis - please stand

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty
God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your
glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take**

**away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father, receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect - Christmas 2

Ephesians 1:3-14 - please be seated

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in

him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of his glory.

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

John 1:10–18 - Please stand

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John chapter 1, beginning at verse 10 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, “He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.” ’) Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No-one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in the closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks & Praise 99 - My heart is filled

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my
disgrace
and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness,
and clothed me with his light,
and wrote his law of righteousness
with power upon my heart.

2 My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with
strength
and causes fear to fly;
whose every promise is enough
for every step I take;
sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.

3 My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above;
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed | On Screen only

The Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers**

for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

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 & 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 the 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 642 - Amazing Grace

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear, and grace my fears relieved:

how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and
snares I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

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 81 - Lord, for the years

Lord, for the years
your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and
sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word,
receive your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land,
in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure,
wealth and care:
for young and old,
for this and every nation,
Lord of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world,
when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

We wish you every blessing as 2022 begins. Please do all in your power to remain safe and actively involved in the church community.

Worship will DV continue on **THURSDAY 6th at 10:00 am for Epiphany
Midweek Communion and Next Sunday** for the start of **LOVE YOUR CHURCH**
as we look at what **BELONGING** means at all our events: 8:30, 10:00 12:00 7:00