**27 March 2022**

**Mothering Sunday**

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.**

**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.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved:
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

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

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

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.

**Greeting**

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

**Penitence - saying sorry**

**Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,**
**through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault
by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.**
**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;**
**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Forgiveness - a reminder of God’s gift**

**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.**

**Luke 15:1–10 - Please be seated**

A reading from Luke chapter 15 beginning at verse 1

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, ‘This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.’ 3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 ‘Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.” 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent. 8 ‘Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.” 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

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

**Children’s Talk - Blessing our mums**

**Thank you, Lord!**

Thank you, Lord, for this fine day,
Thank you, Lord, for this fine day,
Thank you, Lord, for this fine day,
Right where we are.
*Alleluia, praise the Lord!*
*Alleluia, praise the Lord!*
*Alleluia, praise the Lord!*
*Right where we are.*

2 Thank you, Lord, for mums we love,
Thank you, Lord, for mums we love,
Thank you, Lord, for mums we love,
Right where we are.

3 Thank you Lord, for all your gifts,
Thank you Lord, for all your gifts,
Thank you Lord, for all your gifts,
Right where we are.

**Word Collect - Following Mary’s Example**

**The Sermon - with Mrs Marlene Moore**

**Hymn 543 - Lord of the home**

Lord of the home, your only Son
received a mother’s tender love,
and from an earthly father won
his vision of your home above.

Help us, O Lord, our homes to make
your Holy Spirit’s dwelling place;
our hands’ and hearts’ devotion take
to be the servants of your grace.

May we with joy our homes prepare
that, were our Lord a child once more,
he might be glad our hearth to share,
and find a welcome at our door.

Lord, may your Spirit sanctify
Each household duty we fulfil;
may we our Master glorify
in glad obedience to your will.

**Declaring Faith - affirming our belief**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God? **I 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.**

**Praying Together - Intercessions**

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

**Sunday Collect - Mothering Sunday**

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

**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.**

**A Thanksgiving - we give thanks to God**

For every blessing we have received
**we give you thanks and praise**

**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.

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.

**The Blessing - and Dismissal**

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

**News and Notices:**

**Tonight**

**7:00 Snatch *in* the Mitchell Room**

**Midweek Communion:**

Wednesday 10:00 at Carryduff

**Easter Vestry Next Sunday: during worship**

At 10:00 in Carryduff and at 12:00 in Killaney.

Also 8:30 Early Communion and 7:00 Sunday Night at the Church Hall*.*

**Larder Sunday and Foodbank Sunday: on 3 April.**

**Magazine Delayed**

Due to illness the magazine will be delayed by a week. Sorry for this. Magazine Team restarts on Friday 1st April at 11:00 am. New team members needed.

**Mothers’ Union**

Thursday 7th April at 8:00 pm in St Ignatius’ Church: Trevor Dunlop will tell us about Connswater Community Greenway. All welcome.