

**Early Communion | Easter 4 | 8 May 2022 | 8:30 am at Carryduff**

## **Greeting**

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **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.

## **Confession**

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.

## **Absolution**

### **Glory to God *page 203***

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.

## Collect of the Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Epistle Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.' All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying: 'Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!' Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?' I answered, 'Sir, you know.' And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, 'they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. "Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them," nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; "he will lead them to springs of living water." "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."'

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

### Acclamations.

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. **Alleluia.**

### Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to John chapter 10 beginning at verse 22. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

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

### Sermon

**And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

## **Nicene Creed *page 205***

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that  
is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God  
from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

### **Prayers of the People**

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

*And finally*

Merciful Father **accept these our prayers**

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

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great  
mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord,**

**whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,**

**that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead, and his  
kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the  
prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the  
dead,**

**and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you**

## **Taking the Bread & Wine**

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

## **Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

... 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!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

... we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,**

**we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,**

**and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

.. in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever & ever. 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.**

### **Receiving Communion**

Please come forward to receive the Bread and Wine.

### **Prayer after Communion**

**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.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**