**REPENT!** **For the Kingdom of heaven has come near.**

**Killaney and Carryduff** **Parish Communion** **4 December 2022 Advent 2**

# Processional Hymn 136 - On Jordan’s Bank

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every heart from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch forth thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth and let thy light restore  
earth’s own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

# 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.**

# Opening Collect

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# Penitence - saying sorry

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

# 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.**

# Absolution

# The Collect - The Second Sunday of Advent

# Romans 15:4–13 - page 1141

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name.” Again, it says, “Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.” And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.” And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

# The Advent Candles - Lighting the 2nd Candle

Prophet voices loudly crying, making pathways clear, glimpsing glory, self-denying, calling all to hear. Through their message - challenged, shaken –  
hearts awaken: God is near!

# Children’s Spot - Grumpy or Grateful?

# Hymn 386 *Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,*

*gentle as is the dove;  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour’s love.*

You spoke to us long, long ago,  
gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it God’s voice is heard.

Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
we need your power, we need your strength, following Christ each day.

# Sunday Club Begins

# Matthew 3:1–12 - Please stand page 967

Hear the gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 3, beginning at verse 1 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’ ” John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

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

# The Sermon - Re-modelling John the Baptist

# The Nicene Creed ON SCREEN

# The Prayers of the People

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

# The Offertory - Hymn 636

May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do and say.

2 May the word of God enrich me  
with his truth from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his power.

3 May the peace of God my Father  
in my life for ever reign,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
those in grief and pain.

4 May the love of Jesus fill me  
as the waters fill the sea,  
him exalting, self abasing-  
this is victory!

5 May his beauty rest upon me  
as I seek to make him known;  
so that all may look to Jesus,  
seeing him alone.

6 May I run the race before me  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as I onward go.

# 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 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 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.**

# Receiving Communion - praying silently

# Going Out as God’s People

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

**May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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

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

# Closing Hymn 52 - Christ whose glory fills the skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise;  
triumph o’er the shades of night:  
Day-spring from on high, be near;  
Day-spring, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day’s return  
till thy mercy’s beams I see-  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief,  
fill me, Radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief:  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

# Notices

Today is Foodbank and Larder Sunday in our parishes. Thank you

This afternoon we light the Christmas Tree at Killaney at 5:00 pm with music

Wednesday is Christmas Lunch time at Carryduff. Sign up: see you there!