

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time - 1 Peter 5.6

14 May 2023 - Sunday after the Ascension Day

Early Communion

Epistle 1 Peter 5.1-11 p 1220 Gospel John 17.1-11 p 1085

Hymn 634 - Love divine

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.

The Greeting

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

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.

Penitence - saying sorry

**O God, our loving Father in heaven,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
we have broken your commandments;
we have often been selfish,
and we have not loved you as we should.**

**For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Forgiveness - a reminder of God's gift

Preparing to hear 1 Peter 5:1-11

The lesson reader says:

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon our path.

So let us hear the word of the Lord.

A reading from 1 Peter chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

1 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: 2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. 5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble."

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Children's Spot - Serving

Hymn 213 - Jesus' hands were kind hands

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small;
washing weary feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

Sunday Club Begins

Psalm 68:32-35 - we stand to say

32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, **sing praise to the Lord,**
33 to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, **who thunders with mighty voice.**

34 Proclaim the power of God, **whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens.**

35 You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;
**the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.
Praise be to God!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;•
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

John 17:1-11 - Please be seated

A reading from John chapter 17 beginning at verse 1

Jesus ... looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. 6 “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

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

Hymn 503 - Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred let me bring your
love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring
hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy:

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

The Sermon - The privilege of serving one another

Offering Hymn 573 - I am thine, O Lord

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;

but I long to rise in the arms of faith,
and be closer drawn to thee.

*Draw me nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, pierced side.*

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the pow'r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.

O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer and with thee, my
God, I commune as friend with friend!

There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I yet may reach
till I rest in peace with thee.

Declaring Faith - affirming our belief

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Praying Together - Intercessions

Notices

Wednesday 24 May 11:30 am

11.30 am Holy Communion followed by Picnic
lunch. Please sign up today

Wednesday 24 May 7:30 pm

CMS OLO Focus Evening in Killaney church hall
with refreshments

Thursday 25 May 7:00 pm

7.00 pm Area Deanery Vestries Evening (for all
members of Carryduff and Killaney vestries
who are free to attend) in Carryduff

Sunday 28 May Pentecost Sunday

8.30 Early Communion 10.00 Celebrate at Ten
12.00 All Age Worship & refreshments

SOMA Visitors in KandCd

Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th June

Friday 2nd June

7:00 pm Walk in Carryduff *as we pray for our
community*

followed by refreshments in the Church/Hall to
meet the team

Saturday 3rd June

from 9:30 am Light Breakfast at Killaney with
introductions by the team.

Sunday 5th June

SOMA speak at Parish Communion

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 360 - Let all the world!

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"

The heav'ns are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"

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

2 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"

The church with psalms must shout:
no door can keep them out.
But above all the heart
must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"