**Sunday 27 August 2023 - Trinity 12**

**Opening Hymn 20 - The King of Love**

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love He sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

**The Greeting - Hello and Welcome**

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**

**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**

*The lesson reader says:*

Let us hear the word of the Lord.  
**So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

**Exodus 1:8–22 - seated**

A reading from Exodus chapter 1 beginning at verse 8

8 Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. 9 “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. 10 Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”  
11 So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labour, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites 13 and worked them ruthlessly. 14 They made their lives bitter with harsh labour in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.  
15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, 16 “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” 17 The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. 18 Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?”  
19 The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.”  
20 So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

22 Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

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

**Children’s Spot**

**Hymn 224 - How deep the Father’s love**

How deep the Father’s love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure!  
How great the pain of searing loss:  
the Father turns his face away  
as wounds which mar the chosen one  
bring many sons to glory!

2 Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

3 I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart,  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

**Psalm 124 - we stand to say**

If the LORD had not been on our side—let Israel say—  
**if the LORD had not been on our side when people attacked us, they would have swallowed us alive**

when their anger flared against us  
**the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us,  
the raging waters would have swept us away.**

Praise be to the LORD, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.  
**We have escaped like a bird from the fowler’s snare;  
the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.**

Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
**the Maker of heaven and earth.**

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.**

**Exodus 2.1–10 - please be seated**

A reading from Exodus chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

1 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. 3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. 4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.  
5 Then Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. 6 She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said.  
7 Then his sister asked Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?”

8 “Yes, go,” she answered. So the girl went and got the baby’s mother. 9 Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.” So the woman took the baby and nursed him. 10 When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, “I drew him out of the water.”

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**Hymn 624 - Speak, Lord.**

1 Speak, Lord, in the stillness,  
speak your word to me;  
help me now to listen  
in expectancy.

2 Speak, O gracious Master,  
in this quiet hour;  
let me see your face, Lord,  
feel your touch of power.

3 For the words you give me,  
they are life indeed;  
living bread from heaven,  
now my spirit feed.

4 Speak, your servant listens  
I await your word;  
let me know your presence,  
let your voice be heard!

5 Fill me with the knowledge  
of your glorious will;  
all your own good pleasure  
in my life fulfil.

**Moses - is drawn from among the bulrushes**

**Offering Hymn TP100 - My hope is built**

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim  
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand  
all other ground is sinking sand x2*

2 When weary in this earthly race,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every wild and stormy gale  
my anchor holds and will not fail.

3 His vow, his covenant and blood  
are my defence against the flood;  
when earthly hopes are swept away  
he will uphold me on that day.

4 When the last trumpet’s voice shall sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before his throne.

**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**

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.**

**Sunday Collect - Trinity 12**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing 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.

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

# Notices The September magazine is available today

**Midweek Worship** at Carryduff Wednesday 10:00 am

**Next Sunday 3 September** \***Larder Sunday\***   
8:30 am Early Communion 10:00 am/ 12:00 pm Parish Communion

**Diocesan Bible Week: True Conversion at 7:45 pm in Willowfield**With Greg Downes speaking on Colossians 1  
Tuesday 29 August:  **A change of address** (Colossians 1:1-2)  
Wednesday 30 August: **Conversion to a cause** (Colossians 1:3-14)  
Thursday 31 August: **Conversion to Christ** (Colossians 1:15-23)  
Friday 1 September: **Conversion to a community** (Colossians 1:24-29)