**Killaney and Carryduff** **Parish Communion**  
**3 December 2023**

**Advent Sunday**

# Come, thou long expected Jesus – H 119

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;  
born a child and yet a king;  
born to reign in us for ever;  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thy own eternal Spirit,  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thy all-sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

# 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.**

# 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.**

# Penitence - saying sorry

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

# Absolution

# The Collect - Advent Sunday

# 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 - please be seated

A reading from 1 Corinthians ch 1 beginning at v 3

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

# Lighting 1st Advent Candle The word of God brings hope

# Faithful One - Hymn 2

Faithful one, so unchanging  
Ageless one, you’re my rock of peace  
Lord of all I depend on you  
I call out to you, again and again x2

You are my rock in times of trouble  
you lift me up when I fall down  
All through the storm Your love is, the anchor  
My hope is in You alone.

# John 1:1–3 - Please remain standing

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John chapter 1, beginning at v 1 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

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

# The Sermon - Who was Jesus? The Word

# Before the throne of God above - TP 11

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea:  
a great high priest, whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is written on his hands,  
My name is hidden on his heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
no power can force me to depart,  
no power can force me to depart.

2 When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look, and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the just, is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

3 Behold Him there, the risen Lamb  
my perfect, sinless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with my Lord I cannot die:  
my soul is purchased by His blood,  
my life is safe with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

# The Nicene Creed

**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;**

**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 Prayers of the People

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

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# The 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.**

# The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

# Offertory Hymn 202 What child is this?

What child is this, who laid to rest,  
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.*

2 Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.

**At the Lord’s Table**

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

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

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.**

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:  
Salvation is your gift through the coming of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and by him you will make all things new  
when he returns in glory to judge the world:  
And so with all your people, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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!**

Blessed are you, Father,  
the creator and sustainer of all things;  
you made us in your own image,  
male and female you created us;  
even when we turned away from you,  
you never ceased to care for us,  
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man  
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:  
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup 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.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,  
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit  
that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. 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.**

# Going Out as God’s People

**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

# Closing Hymn 567 - Forth in thy Name

1 Forth in thy Name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think, or speak, or do.

2 The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

3 Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

4 Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day.

5 For thee delightfully employ  
whate’er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord   
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**