**21 January 2024 - Epiphany 3**

**Hymn 346 - Angel voices**

**1** Angel voices, ever singing, round thy throne of light,
angel harps, for ever ringing, rest not day nor night;

Thousands only live to bless thee,
and confess thee Lord of might.

**2** Yea, we know that thou rejoices o’er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design;

craftsman’s art and music’s measure
for thy pleasure all combine.

**3** In thy house, great God, we offer of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer, all unworthily,

hearts and minds and hands and voices,
in our choicest psalmody.

**4** Honour, glory, might and merit, thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity!

Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

**The Greeting - Hello and Welcome**

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.**

**John 2.1–12 - please be seated**

A reading from John chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, ‘They have no more wine.’
4 ‘Woman, why do you involve me?’ Jesus replied. ‘My hour has not yet come.’
5 His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’
6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.
7 Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water’; so they filled them to the brim.
8 Then he told them, ‘Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.’
They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, ‘Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.’

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.
12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

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

**Children’s Spot**

**God is good to me**

God is good to me
God is good to me
He holds my hand
He helps me stand
God is good to me

God is good to me
God is good to me
He holds me tight
He puts me right
God is good to me

God is good to me
God is good to me
Although I’m small
He hears my call
God is good to me

**Sunday Club begins**

**Psalm 62.5–12 - we sit quietly**

5 Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul; **for in him is my hope.**
6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, **my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**

7 In God is my strength and my glory; **God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.**
8 Put your trust in him always, my people; **pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**

9 The peoples are but a breath, the whole human race a deceit; **on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.**

10 Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty pride; **though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

11 God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same, **that power belongs to God.**
12 Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, **for you repay everyone according to their deeds.**

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.**

**1 Corinthians 7:29–31 - seated**

A reading from First Corinthians chapter 7 beginning at v 29

29 What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; 30 those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; 31 those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

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

**Speak O Lord - Thanks & Praise 134**

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All your purposes, for your glory.

2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises;
and by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, ’til your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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**Word Collect - The First Apostles**

**The Sermon - Signs**

**Offering Hymn 666 - Be Still my Soul**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;

bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;

leave to thy God to order and provide;

in every change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend

through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake

to guide the future as he has the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;

all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know

his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,

and all is darkened in the vale of tears,

then shalt thou better know his love, his heart,

who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.

Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay,

from his own fulness, all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on

when we shall be forever with the Lord,

when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,

sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

all safe and blesséd we shall meet at last.

**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 - Epiphany 3**

**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**

**Safe in the Shadow of the Lord - Hymn 595**

Safe in the shadow of the Lord
beneath his hand and power,
I trust in him, I trust in him,
my fortress and my tower.

My hope is set on God alone
though Satan spreads his snare;
I trust in him, I trust in him,
to keep me in his care.

From fears and phantoms of the night,
from foes about my way,
I trust in him, I trust in him,
by darkness as by day.

His holy angels keep my feet
secure from every stone;
I trust in him, I trust in him,
and unafraid go on.

Strong in the everlasting Name,
and in my Father’s care,
I trust in him, I trust in him,
who hears and answers prayer.

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,
possessed by love divine,
I trust in him, I trust in him,
and meet his love with mine.

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

**Notices**

**Parishes’ Bible Study - Tuesday 7:50 in the Rectory: all welcome**

**Wednesday Lunch - 11:30 am Midweek Communion: please sign up to help catering.**

Bring a friend!

**Next Sunday Celebrate - 8:30 & 10:00 Carryduff - 12:00 - Killaney**

**Coming Soon: - Midweek Communion at Killaney Wednesday 31st 10:00 am**