**Midweek Communion TWO A**

2024–05–30

# Greeting

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.**

# Hymn 222

Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
loving kindness as the flood,  
when the Prince of life, our ransom,  
shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
throughout heaven’s eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion  
fountains opened deep and wide;  
through the floodgates of God’s mercy  
flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
poured incessant from above,  
and heaven’s peace and perfect justice  
kissed a guilty world in love.

# Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.  
This is the first and great commandment.  
And the second is like it.  
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.  
On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.  
**Lord, have mercy on us,**  
**and write these your laws in our hearts.**

# Confession

Let us confess our sins  
**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

Glory to God ***page 203***

**Glory to God in the highest,**  
**and peace to God’s people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

# Collect of Trinity Sunday

Let us pray  
Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
Keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# Epistle 1 Peter 1:18–25

Read by Adrian  
A Reading from 1 Peter Chapter 1 beginning to read at verse:  
1 Peter 1:18–25, NIV (UK 2011)  
For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that **you were redeemed** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him *you believe in God,* who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. Now that *you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth* so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you **have been born again**, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, ‘All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but **the word of the Lord endures for ever.**’ And this is the word that was preached to you.  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

# Gospel Mark 10:32–45

Read by Gillian  
Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew chapter 10 beginning at verse 32  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. ‘We are going up to Jerusalem,’ he said, ‘and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.’ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. ‘Teacher,’ they said, ‘we want you to do for us whatever we ask.’ ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ he asked. They replied, ‘Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.’ ‘You don’t know what you are asking,’ Jesus said. ‘Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with?’ ‘We can,’ they answered. Jesus said to them, ‘You will drink the cup I drink and be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.’ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, ‘You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# Sermon

![[2024–05–29 Midweek Sermon]]

# Hymn 419

I am not worthy, holy Lord,  
That you should come to me;  
Speak but the word; one gracious word  
Can set the sinner free.

2 I am not worthy; cold and bare  
The lodging of my soul;  
How can you stoop to enter there?  
Lord, speak, and make me whole

3 I am not worthy; yet, my God,  
Shall i turn you away;  
When you have given your flesh and blood  
My ransom price to pay?

4 O come! in this appointed hour  
Feed me with food divine;  
And fill with all your love and power  
This worthless heart of mine.

# Prayers of the People

Led by Gillian

In our prayers today, we remember the people of God in this parish and in Carryduff, and pray for them to experience the faithfulness of God in their lives, and toobey him as they seek to purify themselves.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**  
We pray for those preparing for baptism and confirmation in our midst. For Molly and her godparents.  
For the young people considering confirmation this year, and for other members of the parishes who are reflecting on the wisdom and value of making fresh vows themselves.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**  
We remember before you, God, the trauma of people facing war in their own streets and cities, facing the threat of death every day.  
We ask you, Lord, to frustrate the violent threats of any leaders involved in stirring up these conflicts, and to enhance the efforts of those who seek to create a just peace.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**  
We thank you, Lord, for promise of new life in Christ and your call to a life of faith and obedience.  
Bless the ministry team in our parish as they lead worship, preach the word, attend to the sick and minister to those in hospital. Help them - and all of us - be alert to the teaching of your word and to apply it to decisions we make in each of our lives and in our churches.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**  
We bring to you the sick, the sorrowful and these who are facing mental health problems.  
Give grace to all who live with them, or seek to help them, that their efforts will be well received and their prayers answered.  
We ask you to draw near and embrace them all with your love  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these our prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# Prayer of Humble Access

*Let us pray*  
**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

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit the Life-giver.  
The peace of the Triune God be always with you.  
**And also with you.**  
The Peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you**

# Taking the Bread & Wine

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

# Great Thanksgiving (1) page 209

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.**  
Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

You have revealed your glory as the glory of your Son and of the Holy Spirit:  
three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour,  
yet one Lord, one God,  
ever to be worshipped and adored:  
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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray  
**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.**

# Breaking 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.**

# Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

# Receiving Communion

Please come forward to receive the Bread and Wine.

# Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,  
may we who have received this holy communion,  
worship you with lips and lives  
proclaiming your majesty  
and finally see you in your eternal glory:  
Holy and Eternal Trinity,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# Send us

**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.**

# Blessing

God the Holy Trinity  
make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

# Hymn 603

1 When we walk with the Lord

in the light of his word,

what a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will,

he abides with us still,

and with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey,*

*for there's no other way*

*to be happy in Jesus,*

*but to trust and obey.*

2 Not a burden we bear,

not a sorrow we share,

but our toil he doth richly repay;

not a grief or a loss,

not a frown or a cross,

but is blest if we trust and obey.

3 But we never can prove

the delights of his love

until all on the altar we lay;

for the favour he shows,

for the joy he bestows,

are for them who will trust and obey.

4 Then in fellowship sweet

we will sit at his feet,

or we'll walk by his side in the way;

what he says we will do,

where he sends we will go;

never fear, only trust and obey.

# Dismissal

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