# Trinity 4

# Sunday 16th June 2024

## Welcome to St. Andrew’s, Killaney

# Opening Hymn 547 Approach my soul the mercy seat

## Approach, my soul, the mercy-seat where Jesus answers prayer; there humbly fall before his feet, for none can perish there.

## 2 Thy promise is my only plea, with this I venture nigh; thou callest burdened souls to thee, and such, O Lord, am I.

## 3 Bowed down beneath a load of sin, by Satan sorely pressed, by war without, and fears within, I come to thee for rest.

## 4 Be thou my shield and hiding-place, that, sheltered near thy side, I may my fierce accuser face, and tell him thou hast died.

## 5 O wondrous love, to bleed and die, to bear the cross and shame, that guilty sinners, such as I, might plead thy gracious Name!

# 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.**

# 2 Corinthians 5:6–10,14–17 - please be seated

## A reading from Second Corinthians chapter 5 beginning at verse 6

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.  
For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

This is the Word of the Lord   
**Thanks be to God**

# Children’s Spot

# Abba Father - Hymn 558

## Abba Father, let me be yours, and yours alone. May my will for ever be evermore your own.

## Never let my heart grow cold, never let me go. Abba Father, let me be yours, and yours alone.

Psalm 15 - An Impossible Standard, *made possible* by Christ Jesus!

LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?  
**Who may live on your holy mountain?**

The one whose way of life is blameless!  
**The one who does what is righteous,**  
**who speaks the truth from their heart;**

The one whose tongue utters no slander,  
**who does no wrong to a neighbour, and casts no slur on others**;

The one who despises a vile person  
**but honours those who fear the LORD;**

The one who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  
**and does not change their mind;**

The one who lends money to the poor without interest;  
**who does not accept a bribe against the innocent**.

Whoever does these things  
**will never be shaken.**

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 17:1–9 - please be seated

A reading from John chapter 17 beginning at verse 9  
After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed: ‘Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. ‘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. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 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. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.  
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**Thanks be to God**

# I am thine O Lord - Hymn 573

## 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, piercèd side.**

## 2 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.

## 3 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!

## 4 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.

# The Sermon - Jesus prays for us

# Offering Hymn 627 What a friend we have in Jesus

**1** What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

**2** Have we trials and temptations,  
is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

**3** Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Jesus is our only refuge:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer:  
in his arms he’ll take and shield you,  
you will find a solace there.

# 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.**

# Collect - The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

**Act of Commissioning**

The minister introduces the moment

## Do you believe and accept the holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer **I do.**

## Do you believe and accept the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of Ireland has received it?

Answer **I do.**

## Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those set over you in the Lord?

Answer **By the help of God, I will.**

## Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to uphold the truth of the Gospel?

Answer ***By the help of God, I will.***

The minister presents the candidates to the people, and says

## The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts.  Jennifer, Raymond and Gillian have been selected, trained and authorised for the ministry of Parish Reader.

## Is it therefore your will that their ministry be recognised and they should be formally commissioned?

Answer **It is.**

## Will you uphold them in their ministry?

Answer **We will.**

## As the leader in this congregation, I likewise undertake to share with you in the ministry of your new role, and I will pray for you even as I will depend on your prayers.

Jenny, Raymond, Gillian (severally) I hereby commission you as a Reader in the Diocese of Down and Dromore, to work in these parishes of Killaney and Carryduff. May the Lord enrich you with his blessing and pour upon you the gifts to equip you for this ministry, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  **Amen.**

**Prayers**

Jesus, Lord of your Church,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

*And finally*

Jesus, Lord of your Church,  
**hear our prayer,**  
**and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

# 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.**

# Notices

# The Blessing

# Love Divine - Hymn 634

**1** 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.

# Dismissal

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

**Prayer Hymn 524**

May the grace of Christ our Saviour

and the Father's boundless love

with the Holy Spirit's favour,

rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union

with each other and the Lord,

and possess in sweet communion

joys which earth cannot afford.

# Refreshments

**Notices**   
Commissioning of Parish Readers *at Killaney today 12:00 pm*

Monday evenings from around 7:00 pm Gardening Team at Carryduff

Wednesday 10:30 am Midweek Communion at Carryduff  
  
**Advance Notices**  
*Sunday 23 June Children’s Day*Celebrate Children’s Day in Carryduff 10:00 am  
Celebrate Children’s Day and Picnic in Killaney 12:00 pm

*Wednesday 26 June 11:30 am*  
Midweek Communion and lunch. Please sign up