# Sunday 21 July 2024 Trinity 8 Killaney and Carryduff

Sweet is the solemn voice that calls Hymn 342

## 1 Sweet is the solemn voice that calls the Christian to the house of prayer; I love to stand within its walls, for Christ the Lord is present there.

## 2 I love to tread the hallowed courts where two or three for worship meet, for there the Christ himself resorts and makes the little band complete.

## 3 How sweet to raise the common song! to join in holy praise and love, and imitate the blessed throng, that mingle hearts and songs above.

## 4 Within these walls may peace abound; may all our hearts in one agree, where Christians meet, where Christ is found, may peace and concord ever be.

# 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.**

# Ephesians 2:11–22 please be seated

## A reading from Ephesians chapter 2 beginning at verse 11

## 11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called ‘uncircumcised’ by those who call themselves ‘the circumcision’ (which is done in the body by human hands)—12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

## 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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

# Questions?

# Psalm 23 using Hymn 20

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

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

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

## 4 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.

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

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

# John 7:25–36 please be seated

## A reading from John chapter seven beginning at verse 25 25 At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, ‘Isn’t this the man they are trying to kill? 26 Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Messiah? 27 But we know where this man is from; when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.’ 28 Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, ‘Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own authority, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, 29 but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.’ 30 At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. 31 Still, many in the crowd believed in him. They said, ‘When the Messiah comes, will he perform more signs than this man?’ 32 The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him. 33 Jesus said, ‘I am with you for only a short time, and then I am going to the one who sent me. 34 You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.’ 35 The Jews said to one another, ‘Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? 36 What did he mean when he said, “You will look for me, but you will not find me,” and “Where I am, you cannot come”?’ At the end the reader says This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

# Hymn 514 We cannot measure

## 1 We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer’s prayer; yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warm, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

## 2 The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

## 3 So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.

# The Sermon Who is Jesus?: Whispers in the Breeze

# Collection Hymn 501

## 1 Christ is the world’s true light, its Captain of salvation, the day-star shining bright to all in every nation; new life, new hope awakes, when we accept his way: freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

## 2 In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting: when Christ is throned as Lord, all shall forsake their fear, to plough-share beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.

## 3 One Lord, in one great name unite us all who own you; cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone you; the world has waited long, has laboured long in pain; to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

# 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

## 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 for The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

# Daily Collect for Guidance

## **Heavenly Father,** **in whom we live and move and have our being:** **We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit** **may so guide and govern us** **that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,** **we may never forget your presence** **but may remember that we are always** **walking in your sight,** **through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

# Beneath the Cross of Jesus TP 13

## Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand; and wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am. For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, ‘Come’. Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

## 2 Beneath the cross of Jesus his family is my own; once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone. How could I now dishonour the ones that you have loved? Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

## 3 Beneath the cross of Jesus the path before the crown, we follow in his footsteps where promised hope is found. How great the joy before us to be his perfect bride. Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

# Dismissal

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