**11 August 2024** **Trinity 11 Killaney Carryduff**

**Opening Hymn 635**

**1** Lord, be thou my guardian and my guide,  
be near me when I call;  
uphold me when my footsteps slide,  
and hold me lest I fall.

**2** The world, the flesh and Satan dwell  
around the path I tread;  
O save me from the snares of hell,  
Deliverer from the dead.

**3** And if I tempted am to sin,  
and evil powers are strong;  
be present, Lord, keep watch within  
and save my soul from wrong.

**4** Still let me always watch and pray,  
and know that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he shall not prevail.

**The Greeting**

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

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**

Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us**

**Forgiveness** **a reminder of God’s gift**

**Preparing** **to hear God’s word**

Let us hear the word of the Lord.  
**So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

**Ephesians 4:25 5:2**

A reading from Ephesians 4 beginning verse 25

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. ‘In your anger do not sin’: do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

**3 Questions**

**Video**

**Here is love** **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.

2 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.

**Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;  
**Lord, hear my voice.**

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.  
**If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?**

But with you there is forgiveness,  
**so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
**and in his word I put my hope.**

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
**more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.  
**He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

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 7:53–8:11**

A reading from John 7 beginning at verse 53

Everyone went home, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered round him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?’ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, ‘Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

Jesus straightened up and asked her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir,’ she said. ‘Then neither do I condemn you,’ Jesus declared. ‘Go now and leave your life of sin.’

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

**Thine for ever God of Love** **Hymn 660**

1 Thine for ever! God of love,  
hear us from thy throne above;  
thine forever may we be,  
here and in eternity.

2 Thine for ever! Lord of life,  
shield us through our earthly strife;  
thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
guide us to the realms of day.

3 Thine for ever! O how blessed  
they who find in thee their rest!  
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,  
O defend us to the end.

4 Thine for ever! Thou our Guide,  
all our wants by thee supplied,  
all our sins by thee forgiven,  
lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

**The Sermon** **A Condemned Woman**

**There is a higher throne** **TP 150**

There is a higher throne  
than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from ev’ry tongue  
will one day come.  
Before the Son we’ll stand,  
made faultless through the Lamb;  
Believing hearts find promised grace;   
salvation comes.

**Hear heaven’s voices sing;  
their thund’rous anthem rings.  
Through em’rald courts and sapphire skies  
their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow’r,  
strength, thanks, and honour are  
to God our King who reigns on high  
forevermore.**

2 And there we’ll find our home,  
our life before the throne.  
We’ll honour him in perfect song  
where we belong.  
He’ll wipe each tear-stained eye  
as thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King;  
we’ll reign with him.

**Declaring Faith**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**  
**born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died and was buried;**  
**he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again;**  
**he ascended into heaven,**  
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**  
**and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Praying Together**

Let us pray to the Lord  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Sunday Collect** **Trinity 11**

O God,  
you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
Mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Daily Collect** **For God’s leading**

**Go before us, Lord, in all our doings,**  
**with your most gracious favour,**  
**and further us with your continual help;**  
**that in all our works**  
**begun, continued and ended in you,**  
**we may glorify your holy name,**  
**and finally by your mercy**  
**attain everlasting life;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**the power, and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Notices**

**The Benediction**

**Like a mighty river flowing** **Closing Hymn 16**

**1** Like a mighty river flowing,  
like a flower in beauty growing,  
far beyond all human knowing  
is the perfect peace of God.

**2** Like the hills serene and even,  
like the coursing clouds of heaven,  
like the heart that’s been forgiven  
is the perfect peace of God.

**3** Like the summer breezes playing,  
like the tall trees softly swaying,  
like the lips of silent praying  
is the perfect peace of God.

**4** Like the morning sun ascended,  
like the scents of evening blended,  
like a friendship never ended  
is the perfect peace of God.

**5** Like the azure ocean swelling,  
like the jewel all-excelling,  
far beyond our human telling  
is the perfect peace of God.

**Dismissal**

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