**6 APRIL** **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**THE GREETING**

**Hello and Welcome**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
**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.**

**THERE IS A GREEN HILL** **Hymn 244**

There is a green hill far away,
without a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.

**2** We may not know, we cannot tell
what pains he had to bear,
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.

**3** He died that we might be forgiven,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by his precious blood.

**4** There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin;
he only could unlock the gate
of heaven, and let us in.

**5** O dearly, dearly has he loved,
and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.

**SAYING SORRY TO GOD**

**O God, our loving Father in heaven,**
**we confess that we have sinned against you;**
**we have broken your commandments;**
**we have often been selfish,**
**and we have not loved you as we should.**
**For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:**
**through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**A REMINDER THAT GOD FORGIVES**

**PREPARING** **to hear God's word**

*The service leader says:*

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

**GROUP READING** led by Service leader.

**Psalm 63:1–11 (CSB)**

1 God, you are my God;
**I eagerly seek you. I thirst for you.**

2 So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
**to see your strength and your glory.**

3 My lips will glorify you
**because your faithful love is better than life.**

4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
**at your name, I will lift up my hands.**

5 You satisfy me as with rich food;
**my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.**

**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD** **John Hardwick**

For God so loved the world,
He gave his only Son.
And whoever believes in Him
shall not die
but have eternal life.

L is for the love that He has for me

I am the reason He died on the tree

F is for forgiveness and now I am free

E is to enjoy being in His company

**BIBLE READING** **Mark 10:17-23**

A reading from Mark chapter 10 beginning at verse 17:

17 As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked him. “No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honor your father and mother.”

20 He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these from my youth.” 21 Looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, “You lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

22 But he was dismayed by this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions. 23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

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

**OUR GOD IS A GREAT BIG GOD** **Thanks & Praise 117**

Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And he holds us in his hands

He’s higher than a skyscraper
He’s deeper than a submarine
He’s wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams

And he knows us and he loves us
since before the world began!
How wonderful to be a part
of God’s amazing plan ……

**THE CHILDREN'S TALK** **Are you Hungry?**

**ALL I ONCE HELD DEAR** **Thanks & Praise 6**
All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres, and wars to own,
all I once thought gain I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now, compared to this:

**Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,**
**there is no greater thing.**
**You're my all, you're the best,**
**you're my joy, my righteousness,**
**and I love you, Lord.**

**2** Now my heart's desire is to know you more,
to be found in you and known as yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
all-surpassing gift of righteousness:

**3** Oh, to know the power of your risen life,
and to know you in your sufferings.
To become like you in your death, my Lord,
so with you to live and never die:

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**DECLARING FAITH**

**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**

**Physical hunger**

**Spiritual Hunger**

**Hunger for faith**

**PASSIONTIDE COLLECT**

**DAILY COLLECT**

**O God,**
**the author of peace and lover of concord,**
**to know you is eternal life,**
**and to serve you is perfect freedom:**
**Defend us in all assaults of our enemies, that we,**
**surely trusting in your protection,**
**may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE** **Thanks & Praise 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.

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Refreshments today are different!**

In **Carryduff** Church Hall, **special refreshments** are being served in the hope that generous donations from these partaking will go to help our brothers and sisters in Olo, South Sudan.

In **Killaney** Church Hall, a **Bread and Soup Lunch** is on offer, kindly prepared by the ladies of the parish, and we hope everyone will come, enjoy the food, and donate the cost of their regular meal to help people in Olo.

**This week**

**Wednesday services in St. Ignatius', Carryduff**

10:00 Midweek Communion 7:30 Lenten Service

**Sunday 13th April is Palm Sunday**

8:30 and 10:00 St. Ignatius', 12:00 St. Andrew's

**14th-20th Holy Week and Easter Services**

Mon Youth at 7:30, Tuesday Wednesday at 7:30

Maundy Thursday Meal 6:30 Good Friday 10:30 & 7:30