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SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Sunday
27th**

Sept 2020

**16th after
Trinity**



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You can listen to them through our Website.

Website

Check out our Parish website:

www.clonakiltychurch.ie

Greeting and Welcome

The minister says:

The Lord be with you

***Please reply:* And also with you.**

Hello and welcome to Church on this the sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Thank you for adhering to our health and safety protocols. Please remember to fill in the *Contact Tracing Card* on your seat and leave it on your pew. If able, please keep your face coverings on at all times. (Even with them on we are advised against singing.) At any stage of the service if you need to leave, please feel free to do so. However, if returning, please sit at the back of the church to avoid passing by other people. Offerings can be left in the basket at the back, before or after the service. At the end of the service, take this service sheet home with you. Those seated at the back need to file out first. Please keep the 2metre distance at all times, especially before and after the service.

May I remind you that all the words for today's service are available on our website www.clonakiltychurch.ie - just follow the links to the service sheets.

**1] O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.**

**2] Oh, let me feel Thee near me;
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.**

**3] Oh, let me hear Thee speaking,
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me,
To hasten, or control;
Oh, speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.**

**4] O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.**

**5] Oh, let me see Thy foot-marks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone.
Oh, guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.
The minister says**

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God
Our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to
receive God's forgiveness,
To hear God's holy word proclaimed,
To bring before God our needs and the needs of the world,
And to pray that in the power of the Spirit we may serve God and know
the greatness of pure love.

God shows true love for us in this:
While we were still sinners Christ died for us.
Sure of reconciliation through the death of his Son,
we confess our sins now to God:

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

Assurance of forgiveness

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
Have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
And keep you in eternal life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Philippians 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Psalms 78

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; ♦
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; ♦
I will pour forth mysteries from of old,
3 Such as we have heard and known, ♦
which our forebears have told us.
4 We will not hide from their children,
but will recount to generations to come, ♦

**the praises of the Lord and his power
and the wonderful works he has done.**

12 For he did marvellous things in the sight of their forebears, ♦
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea and let them pass through; ♦
he made the waters stand still in a heap.

14 He led them with a cloud by day ♦
and all the night through with a blaze of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness ♦
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the rock ♦
and made water gush out like rivers.

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.

Matthew 20:1-16

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Address:

I was going to talk to you about another subject I'd prepared, but then I changed my mind! Changing our mind is actually a uniquely human thing to do. Boris Johnston seems to have changed his mind on the withdrawal agreement with the EU. A virus expert from Sweden who was advocating herd immunity to Ireland on Wednesday, has since 'changed his mind'. People can get cold feet before a wedding and 'change their mind'. It really is a very important part of our human decision making and a freedom we can employ.

In today's gospel reading Jesus tells of two sons, in which at least one of them changed their mind. The father in the parable approaches them for help in his vineyard. The first son says he would help- but then doesn't. Perhaps he never intended to. The other said he wouldn't help, but then changes his mind, and does the work in the vineyard. Jesus then asks the question, which son did his father's will. He was making the point that lip service is of little value. Actions speak louder than words. Many of us in the church could be guilty of mere lip service. We have promised to follow Jesus at our baptism and confirmation. But then, did we change our mind? Which son are we most like? Can we change our mind to be more like the second son?

Paul urges the believers in our epistle reading today– “be of the same mind, having the same love, ...³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.”
Philippians 2:2-3

Can you imagine a world where this was true among humans? No selfish ambition, and a longing to see others flourish. Is this possible? Paul says 'yes', and draws us back to Jesus: ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...' and then quotes a lovely

hymn that celebrates Jesus' humility, self-emptying, and ultimate exultation.

In our world we see many examples of 'absolute power corrupting absolutely'. But Jesus is the complete opposite of this. Out of obedience to his Father's will, he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. It's back to the *Slí na Croise*, 'the way of the cross'. A way of humility that leads to everlasting joy. How do we get this mind of humility?

It's JOY:

J- Jesus first- 'What would Jesus do?' in this and every situation you face.

O- others next- no selfish ambition but a desire to see others flourish.

Y- yourself last- positively loving yourself.

So let's make JOY our mindset. Let's avoid mere lip service to God but rather engage in working in his vineyard. Let's change a selfish ambition mindset to something life-giving and that leads to JOY.

Jesus- What would he do? Others, how can I help? Yourself- making sure your needs are met too. May the mind of Christ flourish among us. So, if we change our mind about something today, may we change our mind to the mind of Christ. Amen.

THE CREED

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.**

**The minister says:
The Lord be with you
And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

**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.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
and grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for Today:

O Lord,
**Hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

We pray for the church. We pray for Paul our Bishop and his wife Susan. Bless the witness of our diocese that we may have one mind as we work to witness to God. In our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Mallow, for Alan Marley Priest in Charge, and now also for Welsh man Venerable Meurig Williams, who just last weekend was announced as to be the new incumbent. We pray for Ashton School Staff and pupils: Andrew Ruttle (Lay Chaplain). We pray for all Young people to know and follow the mind of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Hymn 636

1] May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say.

2] May the Word of Christ dwell richly
with his truth from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power.

We pray for the governments of the world, that they may use their power constructively to protect and deliver us from the Pandemic. Deliver us from protective nationalism that can conceal selfish ambition. Protect the peace on this island in the midst of the Brexit negotiations. May love of neighbour trump small-mindedness.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

3] May the peace of Christ my Saviour
In my life for ever reign,
That I may be calm to comfort
those in grief and pain.

We take a few moments in silence to pray for any known to us in need of our prayer...

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

4] May the love of Jesus fill me,
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing-
This is victory.

5] May His beauty rest upon me
As I seek to make him known;
So that all may look to Jesus,,
Seeing him alone.

We take a few more moments in silence offer any other personal prayers and petitions...

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

6] May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

THE 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 among you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

Next Week:

Sunday 4th October

10am Timoleague Morning Prayer

11:30am Kilgarriffe Harvest Thanksgiving

Coming up:

Sunday 18th October

10am Timoleague Harvest Thanksgiving

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Kilgarriffe Union of Parishes 2020 Election Results:

Rector's Glebewarden	Evan Buttimer
People's Glebewarden	Alan Buttimer

Church	Rector's Churchwarden	People's Church Warden
Courtmacsherry	Harold Kingston	Geoff Hanbidge
Timoleague	Darren Platts	Susan Hanbidge
Kilmalooda	Victor Abbott	Gordon Kingston
Kilgarriffe	Linda Coombes	Carmela O'Sullivan

The Select Vestry

Clive Buttimer	Cherry Platts
Jean Buttimer	Gordon Coombes
Sylvia Helen	Betty Helen
Thea Jennings	Shirley Shannon
Helen Kingston	Joyce Buttimer
Ann Bryan	Diane Buttimer

Diocesan Synod Members

Diocesan Synod	Supplemental Members
Jean Buttimer	Joyce Buttimer
Carolyn Buttimer	Victor Abbott
Thea Ryan	Sylvia Helen
Gordon Coombes	Alan Buttimer
Evan Buttimer	Daphne Sutton

Parochial Nominators

Nominators	Supplemental Nominators
Sylvia Helen	Thea Ryan
Victor Abbott	Joyce Buttimer
Clive Buttimer	Linda Coombes
Gordon Coombes	Darren Platts