

St Munchin

Abbot, Limerick Diocese, 7th Century

2nd January

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

Munchin, affectionately known as 'the wise', is honoured in Limerick and is called that city's patron.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness
enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one
in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENITENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 10: 27-32

The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short. The hope of the righteous ends in darkness, but the expectation of the wicked comes to naught. The Lord is a stronghold to him whose way is upright, but destruction to evildoers. The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land. The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 31: 1-6

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me. *℟*

Be my strong rock. a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake *℟*

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
I hate those who cling to worthless idols;
I put my trust in the Lord. *℟*

THE SECOND READING

1 John 2: 12-17

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the

Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 32-37

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. Luke, chapter 12, beginning at verse 32

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with the treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the bishop, dean, clergy and people of the diocese of Limerick, giving thanks for the tradition of prayer and study begun by Munchin, the 'little monk', in a golden period of Irish Christianity and Celtic monastic life.

Source of all wisdom,
you so inspired your servant Munchin
that he became affectionately known as 'The Wise':
Renew in your church the tradition of prayer and study,
that we may for ever honour you with heart, soul, and mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 with Extended Preface from Stone (9th C)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory, as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;

in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of truth,
whose Wisdom set her table
and invited us to eat the bread and drink the wine of the kingdom.
Help us to lay aside all foolishness
and to live and walk in the way of insight,
that in fellowship with all your saints
we may come to the eternal feast of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

God who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Edan

Bishop, Ferns diocese, 632

31st January

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THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Brothers and sisters, be joyful,
and keep your faith and belief,
and do the little things
which you have heard and seen with me.

St David

INTRODUCTION

This bishop, the founder of Ferns, is variously spelt as Edan, or Aedan, or M'-Aed-oc (Mogue). He symbolises the close link between Ireland and Wales. Ferns might be said to be twinned with Menevia.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, your name is blessed
from the rising of the sun to its setting;
fill our hearts with knowledge of yourself
and our mouths with your praise,
that from East to West all may sing your glory,
with one voice and accord,
in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

PENTENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
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Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

For thus says the Lord God: behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from

the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and we bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. *℟̕*

Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.
Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper. *℟̕*

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgment,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish. *℟̕*

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 5: 1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd:

I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10: 11-16

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 11

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the father knows me and I know the father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We remember in prayer all who serve in the historic Diocese of Ferns, with special concern for its agricultural and industrial life throughout the county of Wexford.

We pray too for the Church in Wales, recalling the traditional, though not chronological, spiritual relationship between David of Wales and Mogue of Ferns.

We ask for God's blessing on the life and worship of the beautifully-ordered cathedral at Ferns, remembering in our intercessions the dean and chapter as well as the congregation.

God, in the persons of your bishops Edan and David
you linked the young churches of Wales and Ireland:
Help us to rejoice in the spiritual relationships
we enjoy in the fellowship of your church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

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and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25:6*

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and also with you.

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AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life,
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Eucharistic Prayer 1 With Extended Preface

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And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we honour Edan, who in your loving providence
enabled your Church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.
To your children he faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.
Through a pastor's love he led your people to share your grace
and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith and in the work of selfless charity.

On this his feast, we join with him to praise you
and in the company of angels and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

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and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,
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Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
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Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him.
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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hallowed be thy name,

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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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;

in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

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you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

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you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

He whom the universe cannot contain, is present to us in this bread.
He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup.
So take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us and we
come to God. *Stone (9th c)*

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Edan revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people;
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling:
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

Christ the good shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St. Brigid

Abbess of Kildare, circa 525

1st February

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THE GREETING

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SENTENCE

You are my strength Lord, I will love you; Under the shadow of your wings protect me.

The Prayers of Moucan, eighth century

INTRODUCTION

Brigid was a contemporary of St Patrick and founded a religious community at Kildare. More than that, it is almost impossible to say with any sure historical basis. Her spirituality had an enormous impact on the church in Ireland in the period of growth and transition immediately following the time of St Patrick. At that time the church in Ireland developed through spiritual communities of monks and nuns. Her pre-eminence in this led to her being regarded as a second patron saint. Her reputation for holiness spread rapidly to Scotland and Northumbria in the sixth century.

The lack of any writings by Brigid or any contemporary means that much that is written about her includes pagan elements, for there was a pre-Christian Celtic pagan mother-goddess who had a similar name. Later Christian hagiography found it difficult to disentangle truth from legend. What we can be sure of is that Brigid was a remarkable person and, through the grace of God, gave unique leadership in her own troubled times. The roll-call of the saints of the Celtic church in Ireland is so male-dominated that the honoured place given to Brigid of Kildare is itself a testimony to her leadership qualities

OPENING PRAYER

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love that never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our saviour and redeemer. **Amen.**

St Columba

PENITENCE

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all,
and your mercy is over all your creation;

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord, God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT

Father,
by the leadership of your blessed servant Brigid
you strengthened the Church in this land:
As we give you thanks for her life of devoted service,
inspire us with new life and light,
and give us perseverance to serve you all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Hosea 6: 1-4

Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn, that he may heal us; he has stricken and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his going forth is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth. What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 134

**Come, bless the Lord,
all you servants of the Lord.**

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary
and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth
give you blessing out of Zion. **℟**

THE SECOND READING

1 John 1: 1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us - that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

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THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10: 7-16

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 7.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and

have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the diocese of Kildare, We pray for a recovery of the spiritual dimension in everyday life and for those who devote themselves to developing a spirituality for the twenty-first century. We pray for a wider acknowledgement of the role of women in the ministry of the church, giving thanks for those who serve as readers, and in the threefold ministry of deacons, priests and bishops in the Church of Ireland.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life,
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, Lord of all creation,
we praise you for your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not reject us.
You came to meet us in your Son,
welcomed us as your children
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened wide his arms upon the cross
and, with love stronger than death,
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ our redeemer,
on the night before you died
you came to table with your friends.

Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it
and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper
you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the true vine.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life,
come upon us now;
may this bread and wine be to us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:
with your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words
Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of truth,
whose Wisdom set her table and invited us to
eat the bread and drink the wine of the kingdom.
Help us to lay aside all foolishness
and to live and walk in the way of insight,
that we may come in fellowship with Brigid
to the eternal feast of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of Christ.
May your blessing, Lord,
be upon your people,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Kieran of Seirkeiran

Ossory diocese, circa 545

5th March

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

My soul's desire is to see the face of God, and to rest in his house.

St Columba

INTRODUCTION

Kieran or Ciaran was both bishop and monk. Born in West Cork, but from an Ossory family, he appears to have travelled to Europe where he was ordained. On his return to Ireland he settled at Seir (*Saighir*) near Birr, first as a hermit and then as abbot of a large monastery there. He also had a hermitage on the island of Cape Clear, off West Cork. Fascinating tales of his life surrounded by the animals of his neighbouring woods have often been re-told.

OPENING PRAYER

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love that never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our saviour and redeemer. Amen.

St Columba

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 49: 8-10

Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favour I have answered you, in a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, 'Come forth,' to those who are in

darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways, on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall smite them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM
Psalms 103: 8-17

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. *℟*

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us. *℟*

THE SECOND READING
Ephesians 3: 14-end

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Make Disciples of the nations:

baptizing and teaching them as I have commanded you. *Mt 28: 19,20.*

Alleluia!

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The Prayers of the People

We remember on this day two dioceses, Ossory and Killaloe. Each has a share in the life and history of Seirkeiran. We pray for Europe as well as this land, for peace and understanding among the nations, for the European Union and the part played in it by our country. We pray for those who work for the conservation of the countryside and its wildlife.

Lord God, maker of all things wise and wonderful,
all creatures great and small:
We recall with thanksgiving your servant, Keiran,
who lived close to your creation.
Make us mindful of our responsibility for the good earth
in which you have placed us,
and guide us to preserve that which you have given
for the well-being of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Receive, Lord, we pray,
the offerings which we make to you
of what you have given us,
so that by the power of your grace
these holy mysteries may sanctify our present life
and bring us to everlasting joys. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

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Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
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In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
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may this bread and wine be to us
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**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:
with your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

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Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
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Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
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but deliver us from evil.

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you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Kieran revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people;
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling:
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

Christ the good shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Patrick

Apostle of the Irish People, d. 461

17th March

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Brothers and sisters, be joyful, and keep your faith and belief, and do the little things which you have heard and seen with me.

St David

INTRODUCTION

A Romano-Briton born of Christian parents in the latter years of the Roman Empire in Britain, the exact place of his birth, named by him in his *Confession* as *Banaven Taberniae*, has never been identified – claims from places in West Briton as far apart as Dumbarton and Somerset have been made. Present-day opinion favours the neighbourhood of Carlisle in Cumbria. During his teenage years as a captured slave boy in the West of Ireland, Patrick's latent Christian faith came alive. Escaping and returning to Britain, Patrick trained for the ministry of the church perhaps in Gaul. Some time later he heard a call to return to Ireland and bring the good news of Christ. Apparently he came as an envoy of the church in Britain and began his ministry in East Ulster. Saul, near Downpatrick, has long been accepted as the starting point for his mission. How extensive his travels for Christ were is difficult to determine, as churches and communities all over the island in later years desired to claim Patrick as their founder. Whatever the details, one thing is clear: Patrick's mission had the most significant impact in the Christianisation of Ireland. Armagh and Down are the two most important centres associated with the mission of Patrick and on this day

commemorations in those places draw Christians from all over the island. Tradition says Patrick returned to Saul before his death and that after it he was buried at the nearby hill of Down –already holy place, and one more easily defended than Saul itself. One important aspect of the life of Patrick is that he left two pieces of writing which are accepted as genuine, his *Confession* and a letter to *Coroticus*. These are of immense value as they reveal Patrick the man, humble and aware of all that he achieved was by the grace of Christ. Irish Christians today, of all traditions, can equally identify with this holy man and draw inspiration from his life and writings. George Simms wrote in *the Real Story of St. Patrick*: cathedrals and churches are to be found the world over with dedications and memorials in honour of St. Patrick. A courageous missionary himself, his example continues to inspire the sons and daughters of Ireland to go into the world with the good news of the gospel of Christ. St. Patrick himself should have the last word. His life was rough and rugged. He had to face jealousy and much cruel abuse. Yet he was brave to the end. A rare serenity shines through the inimitable style of his words, 'Let anyone laugh and revile me who wants to, I will not keep silence nor will I can see the signs and wonders which have been shown me by the Lord.'

OPENING PRAYER

O God, your name is blessed
from the rising of the sun to its setting;
fill our hearts that from East to West
all may sing your glory,
with one voice and accord,
in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
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Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
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Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down,

says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. *℟̅*

Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever
they do, it shall prosper. *℟̅*

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgment, nor
the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but
the way of the wicked shall perish. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 5: 1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

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ADDITIONAL READING

From the Confession of St Patrick

Now, after I came to Ireland, tending flocks was my daily occupation; and constantly I used to pray in the daytime. Love of God and the fear of him increased more and more, and faith grew, and the spirit was moved, so that in one day I would say as many as a hundred prayers, and at night nearly as many, so that I used to stay even in the woods and on the mountain to this end. And before daybreak I used to be roused to prayer, in snow, in frost, in rain; and I felt no hurt; nor was there any sluggishness in me –as I now see, because then the spirit was fervent within me.

The Prayers of the People

Almighty God,
in your providence you chose your servant Patrick
to be the apostle of the Irish people,
to baptize those who were wandering in darkness and error
and to bring them to the true light
and knowledge of your Word:
keep us in that light
and bring us to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hear us, most merciful God, for that part of the church which you
planted in our land: that it may hold fast the faith entrusted to the
saints and in the end bear much fruit to eternal life: through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Eucharistic Prayer 1 With Extended Preface

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And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we honour St Patrick
who in your loving providence enabled
your Church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.
To your children he faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.
Through a pastor's love he led your people to share your grace
and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith
and in the work of selfless charity.
On this his feast, we join with him to praise you
and in the company of angels and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him;

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;

in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Patrick revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people;
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling:
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

Christ the good shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Macartan

Bishop, Clogher diocese, circa 505

24th March

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Brothers and sisters, be joyful, and keep your faith and belief, and do the little things which you have heard and seen with me.

St David

INTRODUCTION

Tradition names Macartan as the 'strong man' of St Patrick, who established the church in Clogher and spread the gospel in Tyrone and Fermanagh. An eighth-century manuscript of the gospels, associated with a silver shrine, *Domnach Airgid* in the Royal Irish Academy, is linked with the early Christian life of Clogher diocese.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, your name is blessed
from the rising of the sun to its setting;
fill our hearts with knowledge of yourself
and our mouths with your praise,
that from East to West all may sing your glory,
with one voice and accord,
in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

For thus says the Lord God: behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them

into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself would be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. *℟*

Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.

Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper. *℟*

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgment,
or the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish. *℟*

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 5: 1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint

but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd:

I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10:14

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 14.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock and one shepherd.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the life and worship of the two diocesan cathedrals dedicated to St Macartan, one in the village of Clogher, the other in the town of Enniskillen.

We remember the bishop, dean, clergy and people, giving thanks for their witness for peace and reconciliation, and that, in our times, Enniskillen has symbolised courage and tolerance in the midst of suffering and conflict.

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for Macartan, faithful companion of St Patrick,
and builder of your church in Clogher:
Build up your church through those whom you call to leadership
in this generation,
and strengthen your church to proclaim the gospel
of reconciliation and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life,
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer One with Extended Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we honour Macartan, who in your loving providence
enabled your Church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.
To your children he faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.

Through a pastor's love he led your people
to share your grace and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith
and in the work of selfless charity.

On this his feast, we join with him to praise you
and in the company of angels and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:

he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Macartan revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people;
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling:
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

Christ the good shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always.

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

St Laserian

Abbot, Leighlin diocese, 639

18th April

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you; Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

Laserian, often called affectionately Mo-laise, was abbot of Old Leighlin. The cathedral, sheltering among the hills of Co. Carlow, is a place of peace and beauty. It is said that Laserian may have received his training in Iona. His name is certainly honoured in Scotland (Arran) as well as in other parts of Ireland (Inishmurray, off the coast of Co. Sligo).

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness
enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one
in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.

May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century

PENTENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 10: 27-32

The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short. The hope of the righteous ends in gladness, but the expectation of the wicked comes to naught. The Lord is a stronghold to him whose way is upright, but destruction to evildoers. The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land. The mouth of the righteous bring forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM
Psalm 31: 1-6

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness
Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me. *℟*

Be my strong rock. a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake. *℟*

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
I hate those who cling to worthless idols;
I put my trust in the Lord. *℟*

THE SECOND READING
1 John 2: 12-17

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the

Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 32-37

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. Luke, chapter 12, beginning at verse 32

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with the treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the dean and chapter of Leighlin and for the bishopric of Cashel, Leighlin, Ossory and Ferns. We pray for Scotland and give thanks for the peace and reconciliation on the island of Iona and through the Iona Community. We pray for the Episcopal church in Scotland and for the increasing fellowship being fostered among the churches which share a Celtic heritage.

God of peace and beauty,
who called Laserian to minister in Scottish islands
and in the rolling land of Carlow:
Bless the ministers of your church,
wherever they are called to serve,
making them ministers of reconciliation and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2 With Extended Preface from Stone (9th C)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.
We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory,
as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our Saviour Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his blood,
who on the night he was betrayed took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you,
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,
We do as our Saviour has commanded:
We celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
We proclaim his perfect sacrifice,
Made once for all upon the cross,
His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
And we look for his coming
to fulfil all things according to your will.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

Our Father, who art in heaven

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

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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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;

in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
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Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of truth,
whose Wisdom set her table and invited us
to eat the bread and drink the wine of the kingdom.
Help us to lay aside all foolishness
and to live and walk in the way of insight,
that in fellowship with all your saints
we may come to the eternal feast of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

God who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Assicus or Tassach

Bishop, Elphin Diocese, 470

27th April

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

My soul's desire is to see the face of God, and to rest in his house.

St Columba

INTRODUCTION

Tassach was a close friend of Patrick and, as bishop of Raholp, near Saul, attended Patrick on his deathbed. Tradition ascribes to him the skills of a brass-worker and coppersmith.

OPENING PRAYER

Father, your love for us
surpasses all our hopes and desires.
Forgive our failings,
keep us in your peace
and lead us in the way of salvation. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 49: 8-10

Thus says the Lord: In a time a favour I have answered you, in a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, "Come forth", to those who are in darkness, "Appear". They shall feed along the ways, on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching winds nor sun shall smite them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM
Psalm 25:3-9

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting. *℟*

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. *℟*

He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. *℟*

THE SECOND READING
2 Cor 1: 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Make disciples of the nations:

baptising and teaching them, as I have commanded you. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

John 21: 15-17

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,

according to St. John, chapter 21, beginning at verse 15.

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, Simon, son of John do you love me? He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for all who care for the dying, and for the hospice movement. We give thanks for all with artistic skills and for those who work with metal for the glory of God.

God our Father,

your servant Tassach brought the sacrament of Holy Communion to St Patrick as he was dying:

Support us all through this troublous life

and at the last give us safe lodging and rest in you,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Shepherd of Israel, your flock is never without care.
Accept our sacrifice of praise
and grant that your Church may always rejoice
in faithful pastors, servants of Christ
and stewards of your mysteries.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer Two with Extended Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we honour Tassach,
who in your loving providence
enabled your Church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.
To your children he faithfully proclaimed
the good news of salvation
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.
Through a pastor's love
he led your people to share your grace
and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith
and in the work of selfless charity.

On this his feast,
we join with him to praise you
and in the company of angels
and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our Saviour Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his blood,
who on the night he was betrayed took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,

Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you,
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,
we do as our Saviour has commanded:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and we look for his coming
to fulfil all things according to your will.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

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THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Tassach revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people;
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling:
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

DISMISSAL *The Blessing*

Christ the good Shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

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

St Comgall of Bangor

Abbot, Limerick Diocese, 7th century

10th May

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me.

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

Comgall was the founder and first abbot of Bangor Abbey, said to have been the largest monastery in Ireland, with as many as three thousand in the community at one period. Comgall visited Columba in Iona and worked closely with him in spreading the gospel. Columbanus was trained at Bangor before setting out on his missionary journeys to Europe. There was a strong family spirit in the community life at Bangor. Counselling, as well as instruction, was an important part of the training. To Comgall is attributed the saying, "A man without soul-friend is a body without a head."

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one, in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinner
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENITENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 39: 1-9

He who devotes himself to the study of the law of the Most High will seek out the wisdom of all the ancients and will be concerned with prophecies; he will preserve the Discourse of notable men and penetrate the subtleties of parables; he will seek out the hidden meanings of proverbs and be at home with the obscurities of parables. He will serve among great men and appear before rulers; he will travel through the lands of foreign nations, for he tests the good and the evil

among men. He will set his heart to rise early to seek the Lord who made him, and will make supplication before the most high; he will open his mouth in prayer and make supplication for his sins. If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. He will direct his counsel and knowledge aright, and meditate on his secrets. He will reveal instruction in his teaching and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding, and it will never be blotted out; his memory will not Disappear, and his name will live through all generations.

or

Jeremiah 17: 7-10

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it? "I the Lord search the mind and try the heart, to give to everyone according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 34: 11-17

**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. **℟**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2: 6-13

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the spirit searches everything even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thought except the spirit of the person which is in them? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

St John 16: 12-15

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 16, beginning at verse 12.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I have yet many things to say to you but you cannot hear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for universities and schools. We remember the work of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and all who have responsibility for training candidates for the church's ministry.

Almighty God,
you raised your Son to be Lord of light and Saviour of our race
and to your saints have given wondrous grace:
We praise you for holy and learned Comgall
whose scholarship made this land
a bright shining light in ages of darkness:
Pour out your Spirit to renew your church in Ireland
making it once again a land of saints and scholars,
and bringing glory to your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic prayer 1 with preface from the Stone missal (9th c).

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory,
as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,

giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.
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Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant Comgall
that he served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
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In the name of Christ. Amen.

St Carthagh

Lismore diocese, 637

14th May

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

The cathedral dedicated to Carthagh (or Macodi), continues worship first begun in the ancient monastery by the River Blackwater in the west of Co. Waterford. The graceful spire was highly praised by Thackeray on his Irish visit as 'The prettiest I have seen in, or I think out of, Ireland.'

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err, who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENITENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or

God,
who formed the hills of the earth and created the valleys:
as we honour you for your servant Carthagh,
founder of your church in the hills and valleys
of West Waterford,
so may we in parish church and cathedral
glorify your holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 2: 1-9

My son, if you come forward to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for temptation. Such your heart right and be steadfast, and do not be hasty in time of calamity. Cleave to him and do not depart, that you may be honoured at the end of your life. Accept whatever is brought upon you, and in changes that humble you be patient. For gold is tested in the fire, and those who are acceptable in the furnace of humiliation. Trust in him, and he would help you; make your ways straight, and hope in him. You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; and turn not aside, lest you fall. You who fear the Lord, trust in him, and your reward will not fail; you who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for everlasting joy and mercy.

or

Malachi 2: 5-7

My covenant with him was a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him, that he might fear; and he feared me, he stood in awe of my name. True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and instruction should be sought from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may rest upon your holy hill?

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may rest upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life

and does the thing that is right; **R**

Who speaks the truth from the heart
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
Who does no evil to a friend
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;
in whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,
but who honours those who fear the Lord. **℟**

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour
and never goes back on the word;
Who does not lend money in hope of gain,
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
Whoever does these things shall never fall. **℟**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let all people know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

The is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 10: 42-45

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 42.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them but shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We give thanks for those who have faithfully maintained this much visited centre of worship. We pray for all who serve the church as architects, builders and artists, as through their skills they give glory to God. We give thanks also for the church's liturgy, expressed through the prayer book services, as living worship both for the individual and the parish communities.

God, who formed the hills of the earth and created the valleys:
grant that as we honour you for your servant Carthagh,
founder of your Church in the hills and valleys of West Waterford,
we may in parish church and cathedral glorify your holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1

with preface from the Stowe missal (9th C)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory,
as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,

giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
who called Carthage to serve you
and gave him joy in walking the path of holiness:
by this eucharist,
in which you renew within us the vision of your glory,
strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection
until we come to see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we
offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

The Blessing

God who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

St Brendan, 'The Navigator'

Ardfert & Clonfert dioceses, 577

16th May

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

My soul's desire is to see the face of God, and to rest in his house.

St Columba

INTRODUCTION

Born in Tralee in the diocese of Ardfert and Aghadoe, Brendan founded his monastic school in Clonfert, where the present cathedral, with its outstandingly beautiful West Door, recalls a great tradition. Brendan's travels, not only to Aghadown (Galway), but also among many islands round the coasts of Ireland and Scotland, and further still to Iceland, have stirred the imagination of many. Inspired by his adventures they have imitated his courage. Was it a companion of Brendan that founded the monastery on the summit of Skellig Michael? Did Brendan sail even further towards the sunset?

OPENING PRAYER

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love that never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our saviour and redeemer. **Amen.**

St Columba

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains of the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his

people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 96

**Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.**

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples. **℟**

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are but idols;
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his sanctuary. **℟**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him. **℟**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 15: 17-21

In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has wrought through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and as far round as Illyricum I have fully

preached the gospel of Christ, thus making it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation, but as it is written "They shall see who have never been told of him, and they shall understand who have never heard of him."

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Go, make Disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
We will declare his deeds among the peoples.
We will sing and be glad and rejoice in his holy name.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 5: 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St Luke chapter 5, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While the people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennersaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he has ceased speaking he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when he had done this, they enclosed a great shoal to fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and

filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We remember seafarers and explorers and praise God for those who have set out overseas to proclaim the gospel. We pray for pilgrims, pioneers and all who undertake spiritual journeys to further the work of Christ. We pray for the Coast Guard and Life Boat Service in their watching and rescuing. We pray for the work of the Mission to Seafarers and the 'Flying Angel' centres in Belfast, Dublin and Cork.

God of sea and land,
you endowed your servant Brendan
with a bold and adventurous spirit
to occupy himself for your business on the great waters
and revealed to him your wonders in the deep:
Make us, who recall with thanksgiving his life and ministry,
zealous to be pioneers and pilgrims for the faith of Christ;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of our salvation,
your love for the world is without end.
May our participation in this our sacrifice of praise
renew us in our dedication to your mission.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 with Extended Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has never ceased to call Disciples;
he sends them to bring salvation to the nations
by the light of the gospel.

For this work your servant Brendan was set apart by the Spirit;
in faith and obedience he went to peoples far away.
You called him to be all things to everyone
as a minister of your word,
so that in your sight the nations might become
a holy sacrifice, acceptable to you.

And so we join with all your saints
to sing of your great story
in this their joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
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until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
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and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
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In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

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Our Father, who art in heaven

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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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

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THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
In that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share with Brendan and all your saints
in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

May God, whose glory is reflected in the lives of his saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace, and equip you
and strengthen you to proclaim his word.
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Kevin

Glendalough Diocese, 618

3rd June

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

'Of gentle birth', as his Irish name declares, Kevin is associated with the lovely Glendalough valley in the Wicklow hills where he lived a contemplative life, and which became the burial place of the kings of Leinster. A community gathered round this man of prayer, and the monastery associated with him had a high reputation. He was both poet and musician and his influence was strong for many centuries especially on Laurence O'Toole.

OPENING PRAYER

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and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one, in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
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May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

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Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 10: 27-32

The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short. The hope of the righteous ends in darkness, but the expectation of the wicked comes to naught. The Lord is a stronghold to him whose way is upright, but destruction to evildoers. The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land. The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 31: 1-6

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me. *R*

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake *R*

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

I hate those who cling to worthless idols;
I put my trust in the Lord. *R*

THE SECOND READING

1 John 2: 12-17

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the

Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 32-37

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. Luke, chapter 12, beginning at verse 32

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with the treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We remember all who minister in isolated places, and those called today to a life of prayer. We give thanks for all who use their skills in poetry and music in the service of the gospel: for composers and poets, organists and organ-builders.

God of the quiet hills and the busy city:
We thank you for places of beauty which draw people close to you
and for those like Kevin of Glendalough who inspire us
As they communicate their love of you in music and poetry.
may we respond with deeper devotion to our Lord
and in loving service of our neighbours.
Hear our prayer in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2 with Extended Preface from Stone (9th C)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal;
incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.
We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory,
as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our Saviour Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his blood,
who on the night he was betrayed took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you,
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,
we do as our Saviour has commanded:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and we look for his coming
to fulfil all things according to your will.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;

in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

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Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us

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Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant Kevin
that he served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

God who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Jarlath

Tuam diocese, circa 550

6th June

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

Saint Jarlath (Iarlaithe mac Loga), was a priest and scholar from Connacht remembered as the founder of the monastic School of Tuam and patron saint of the Diocese of Tuam. His monastic school is said to have attracted scholars from all parts of Ireland including such students as St. Brendan of Ardfert and Saint Colman of Cloyne.

The site of his foundation with the ruins of a 13th century parish church dedicated to St. Jarlath is close to Saint Mary's cathedral. The cathedral itself houses a fine 12th century Hiberno-Romanesque sanctuary arch, said to be one of the finest in Europe. Also in St. Mary's is the High Cross of Tuam, also 12th century, and dedicated to Turlough O'Connor, High King of Ireland c.1120-1156.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one, in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENITENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 2: 1-9

My son, if you come forward to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for temptation. Set your heart right and be steadfast, and do not be hasty in time of calamity. Cleave to him and do not depart, that you may be honoured at the end of your life. Accept whatever is brought upon you, and in changes that humble you be patient. For gold is tested in the fire, and those who are acceptable in the furnace of humiliation. Trust in him, and he will help you; make your ways straight, and hope in him. You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; and turn not aside, lest you fall. You who fear the Lord, trust in him, and your reward will not fail; you who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for everlasting joy and mercy.

or

Malachi 2: 5-7

My covenant with him was a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him, that he might fear; and he feared me, he stood in awe of my name. True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and instruction should be sought from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may rest upon your holy hill?

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may rest upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life

and does the thing that is right; **R**

Who speaks the truth from the heart
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
Who does no evil to a friend
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;
in whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,
but who honours those who fear the Lord. **℟**

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour
and never goes back on the word;
Who does not lend money in hope of gain,
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
Whoever does these things shall never fall. **℟**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let all people know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

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THE GRADUAL

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THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 10: 42-45

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according to St. Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 42.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them but shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the bishop, dean, clergy and people of the parishes throughout the diocese, where the population is scattered and distances between parishes are great. We pray for all engaged in local industry and land development. We remember those who have gone abroad to work in other countries, praying that families keep in touch with their faith and heritage. We pray also for all concerned with welcoming visitors who come for holidays and rest to a countryside of lakes and mountains, sea-shores and breathtaking views.

God, whose praises are sounded
from the rising of the sun to its setting:
we thank you for Jarlath by whose life and learning
you built the church in the West of Ireland.
We pray that in that countryside
of lakes, mountains and seashore
your holy Name may be for ever praised;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
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Through him the angels praise your majesty;
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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,

giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
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or

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Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
who called Jarlath to serve you
and gave him joy in walking the path of holiness:
by this eucharist,
in which you renew within us the vision of your glory,
strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection
until we come to see you face to face;
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be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

St Colman

Dromore diocese, 6th century

7th June

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

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And also with you.

SENTENCE

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Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

It is said that there are as many as 200 Colmans in the list of Irish saints. Colman of Dromore is to be Distinguished from Colman of Cloyne (remembered on November 24th). Dromore's Colman is included in the ancient calendars of both Scotland and Wales. Famed as a teacher of St Finnian of Movilla, Colman continued the pastoral and teaching traditions of St Patrick. Dromore cathedral, dedicated to Christ the Redeemer, has drawn inspiration through the centuries from Colman's zeal for faith and truth.

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THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 39: 1-9

He who devotes himself to the study of the law of the Most High will seek out the wisdom of all the ancients and will be concerned with prophecies; he will preserve the Discourse of notable men and penetrate the subtleties of parables; he will seek out the hidden meanings of proverbs and be at home with the obscurities of parables. He will serve among great men and appear before rulers; he will travel through the lands of foreign nations, for he tests the good and the evil

among men. He will set his heart to rise early to seek the Lord who made him, and will make supplication before the most high; he will open his mouth in prayer and make supplication for his sins. If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. He will direct his counsel and knowledge aright, and meditate on his secrets. He will reveal instruction in his teaching and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding, and it will never be blotted out; his memory will not Disappear, and his name will live through all generations.

or

Jeremiah 17: 7-10

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it? "I the Lord search the mind and try the heart, to give to everyone according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 34: 11-17

**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. **℟**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2: 6-13

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the spirit searches everything even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thought except the spirit of the person which is in them? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

St John 16: 12-15

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 16, beginning at verse 12.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I have yet many things to say to you but you cannot hear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for all engaged in the teaching profession: for the colleges of education, their members of staff, and the students engaged in teacher-training. We pray, too, for all schools, their teachers and pupils. We remember those who specialize in religious education, both in day-schools and in Sunday-Schools.

Holy God,
we praise you for all who,
like your servant Colman of Dromore,
have taught the Faith of Christ to young and old
and inspired others to give their lives in his service:
Continue, we pray, to give your church zeal like his
for faith and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer One with Extended Preface from Stone (9th C)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory,
as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,

giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant Colman
that he served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

God who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Columcille or Columba

Abbot, Iona d. 597

9th June

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

My soul's desire is to see the face of God, and to rest in his house.

St Columba

INTRODUCTION

Born a son of the royal house of Ulster at Kilmacrennan in Donegal, Colum, whose name means 'dove', that had such a devotion to the things of God as a child that he was nicknamed 'Columcille', 'dove of the church'. For all that, he was far from being a 'softy' and the leadership he gave to monastic foundations at Derry and elsewhere in his youth secured them as firm bases for the expansion of the church in Ireland in a time of turmoil. His disciple and biographer, Adamnán, provides no details or reasons for Columba's decision in 563 to leave Ireland and set up a monastic base for mission on the island of Iona off the West coast of Scotland.

There seems no good reason to doubt that it was the great commission (Matthew 16:20) and his desire to win souls for Christ in pagan lands that were of a spur for this adventure. It was one greatly blessed by God so that within a generation Christian faith had spread throughout the land of the Picts. Iona was poised to be a powerhouse for the reclamation for the gospel of Northumbria and indeed much of the North and Eastern England in the early decades of the seventh century. Columba has been an inspiration of Irish missionary activity and the promotion of sound Christian education down the centuries. In preparation for the 1500th anniversary of the journey to Iona, Columba was accorded red letter status in the Church of Ireland.

OPENING PRAYER

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love that never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our saviour and redeemer. **Amen.**

St Columba

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains of the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 96

**Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.**

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his name;

tell out his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations

and his wonders among all peoples. **℟**

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

he is more to be feared than all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are but idols;

it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him;

power and splendour are in his sanctuary. **℟**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him. **℟**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 15: 17-21

In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has wrought through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and as far round as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ, thus making it my ambition to preach the gospel, want where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation, but as it is written "They shall see who have never been told of him, and they shall understand who have never heard of him."

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Go, make Disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
We will declare his deeds among the peoples.
We will sing and be glad and rejoice in his holy name.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 5: 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St Luke chapter 5, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennersaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he has ceased speaking he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when he had done this, they enclosed a great shoal to fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the mission of the church in the world today, especially for those who leave home and family for the sake of the gospel. We pray for the Diocese of Derry and the Diocese of Raphoe, for places of pilgrimage associated with Columba – Gartan and Kilmacrennan in Donegal, Movilla in the Ards, and Iona in Scotland. We give thanks for the Iona community, founded in the Church of Scotland in 1938, and for its ecumenical witness for over 70 years.

We pray for St. Columba's college in Dublin and for St. Columba's Hospital, Hazaribagh,, fruit of Church of Ireland missionary activity in India.

O God, you called your servant Columba
from among the princes of this land
to be a herald and evangelist of your kingdom:
Grant that your Church, remembering his faith and courage,
may so proclaim the splendour of your grace
that people everywhere will come to know your Son
as their Saviour, and serve him as their King;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of our salvation,
your love for the world is without end.
May our participation in this our sacrifice of praise
renew us in our dedication to your mission.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us

therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 with Extended Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ has never ceased to call disciples;
he sends them to bring salvation to the nations
by the light of the gospel.

For this work your servant Columba was set apart by the Spirit;
in faith and obedience he went to peoples far away.

You called him to be all things to everyone
as a minister of your word,
so that in your sight the nations might become
a holy sacrifice, acceptable to you.

And so we join with all your saints
to sing of your great story
in this their joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;

in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

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AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, King of Saints,
in the solemn roll call of your sons we name Columba.
Mould us, who have tasted your goodness at this table,
to your perfection,
so we may come as guests
to the Royal banquet of your kingdom in heaven;
where with the Father and the Son, you reign, for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

May the Three Who are over you,
The Three Who are below you,
The Three Who are above you here,
The Three Who are above you yonder,
The Three Who are in the earth,
The Three Who are in the air,
The Three Who are in heaven,
The Three Who are in the great pouring sea
- bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Three in One and One in Three. **Amen.**

Gaelic, amended

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

Richard Fitzralph

"St Richard of Dundalk"

Archbishop of Armagh

27th June

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Help us, Unity in Trinity,
Trinity in Unity, take pity.

Laidcenn, Irish, seventh century

INTRODUCTION

He was popularly known as St. Richard of Dundalk. A learned scholar, at one time Chancellor of Oxford University, he has been affectionately honoured in Dundalk, the place of his birth, for his compassionate and caring nature. Figuring with importance in church history, he was nevertheless deeply concerned for the sufferers during the Black Death among the people of Dundalk and Drogheda and their surroundings. He had an option for the poor. This however did not prevent him from criticizing the mendicants of the day. Some of his teaching and writing influenced John Wycliffe, later providing insights about Christian stewardship of possessions. Pilgrims who visited his tomb "Many a mile did walk but never had seen so good a man as Richard of Dundalk."

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness
enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one
in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsb, eighth century.

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus, you call by name those who are yours:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,

you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 15: 7-11

If there is among you poor man, one of your brethren, in any of your towns within your land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him, and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. Take heed lest there be a base thought in your heart, and you say, "The seventh year, the year of release is near", and your eye be hostile to your poor brother, and to give him nothing, and he cry to the Lord against you, and it be sin in you. You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him; because for this the Lord your God will bless you and all your work and in all that you undertake. For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, you shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in the land.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 82: 1-4

**In the midst of the gods he gives judgement
God has taken his stand in the counsel of heaven;**

In the midst of the gods he gives judgment:
how long will you judge unjustly
and show such favor to the wicked? *℟*

You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
defend the right of the humble and needy;
rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked. *℟*

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12: 9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing

honour. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the Saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. *John 15:16*

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 10: 25-37

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. Luke, chapter 10, beginning at verse 25.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "what is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "and who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for all who are concerned with social justice and the relief of the needy. We pray for the work of the church's Boards of Social Responsibility, and the creation of opportunities of work for all.

Holy and merciful God,
you gave Richard Fitzralph not only gifts of piety and learning
but also such compassion for those who were suffering and in need
that he strove to care for them:
Enable us to seek holiness in life and integrity of intellect
with a like concern for the helpless;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow citizens with the saints
and all the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, Lord of all creation,
we praise you for your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not reject us.
You came to meet us in your Son,
welcomed us as your children
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened wide his arms upon the cross
and, with love stronger than death,
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ our redeemer,
on the night before you died
you came to table with your friends.

Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it
and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper
you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the true vine.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life,
come upon us now;
may this bread and wine be to us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:
with your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words
Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

May this sharing, Lord, in your Son's body and blood
be the washing away of our sins,
the strength of the weak,
and our protection against the dangers of the world.
May it set us free from evil
and grant us our share in the joy of your kingdom. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL *The Blessing*

God who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Monnine Of Killeavy

Armagh Diocese, 518

6th July

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

Moninne, sometimes called Darerca or Bline, founded a small monastery for women (eight virgins and one widow, according to one tradition). She continued in Killeavy, not far from Newry, the spirit of the teaching and pastoral concern of Patrick and Brigid.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness
enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one
in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENTENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 10: 27-32

The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short. The hope of the righteous ends in darkness, but the expectation of the wicked comes to naught. The Lord is a stronghold to him whose way is upright, but destruction to evildoers. The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land. The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 31: 1-6

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me. **℟**

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake **℟**

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
I hate those who cling to worthless idols;
I put my trust in the Lord. **℟**

THE SECOND READING

1 John 2: 12-17

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the

Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

There are three that testify in heaven,
the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit,
and these three are one.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 32-37

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. Luke, chapter 12, beginning at verse 32

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with the treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We give thanks for the many women who have served the church either as individuals or as members of a community or fellowship over the years. We pray for those currently involved in ministry, both lay and ordained and for those preparing for ordination. We give thanks for the women who have gone out from Ireland to serve the church overseas. We give thanks for the clubs and societies, for the Mothers' Union, the Girls' Friendly Society, for the Girls' Brigade and other unformed organizations for girls.

Lord, in his ministry on earth
your Son accepted the devotion and service of many women.
We thank you for the devoted life
of Moninne of Slieve Gullion in Armagh
and the many other women
whom you used in the building of the church in this land.
Bless all women in the Ministry of your church today,
that it may be renewed and strengthened, to your honour and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us

therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 with Extended Preface from Stowe (9th C)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you;

We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory,
as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, we give you thanks because it is through you
that we have celebrated these holy mysteries;
We beg from you your gifts of holiness:
have mercy on us, Lord, Saviour of the world,
King for ever and ever. Amen.

Stowe (9th c)

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

DISMISSAL

The Blessing

Blessing adapted from Nuall Fir Fhio: 'Fer Fio's Cry (tr John Carey)

Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of Christ.
May your blessing, Lord,
Be upon your people,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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

St Killian

Bishop and martyr, Kilmore diocese, 689

8th July

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

My soul's desire is to see the face of God, and to rest in his house.

St Columba

INTRODUCTION

Killian from Cavan was a missionary to Franconia and rebuilt the church in Baden and Bavaria. Many pre-Reformation cathedrals in Germany and Austria were dedicated in honour of Killian, pre-eminent among them being that at Würzburg, where with two companions he was murdered in 689.

OPENING PRAYER

Father, your love for us
surpasses all our hopes and desires.
Forgive our failings,
keep us in your peace
and lead us in the way of salvation. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 49: 8-10

Thus says the Lord: In a time of favour I have answered you, in a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, "Come forth", to those who are in darkness, "Appear". They shall feed along the ways, on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching winds nor sun shall smite them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.

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

THE PSALM
Psalm 25: 3-9

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation**

Make me to know your ways,
O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting. **℟**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. **℟**

He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **℟**

THE SECOND READING
2 Cor 1: 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Whoever would become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Alleluia! *John 15:16*

THE GOSPEL READING

John 21: 15-17

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 21, beginning at verse 15.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, Simon, son of John do you love me? He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for links with the church in Germany. We pray for the development of the European Union in the interests of all its member.

God,
you called missionaries from Ireland with St Killian
to take the message of the gospel to Franconia and Bavaria.
Grant that the church may draw strength from their example,
and never lack zeal to proclaim your love
when the going is difficult:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Shepherd of Israel, your flock is never without care.
Accept our sacrifice of praise
and grant that your Church may always rejoice
in faithful pastors, servants of Christ
and stewards of your mysteries.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 with Extended Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

and to praise the wonder of your work
revealed in the lives of Killian and his companions
and all your holy martyrs.

Before the foundation of the universe
you chose them in Christ as your witnesses,
to glorify your name
and reveal before the world the light of your truth.
By the Holy Spirit you gave them great courage
so that in the very weakness of this mortal body
they might conquer death and overcome its power.
And so we join with them and all the powers of heaven
to glorify your holy name
in this their joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him;

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
who gave us this holy meal
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross
and the victory of your martyr St Killian:
by our communion with Christ
in his saving death and resurrection,
give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil
and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and love and steadfastness
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Felim

Kilmore diocese, circa 560

9th August

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;

Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

Felim (spelt *Fedilimth* in Adomnán's life of Columba) was the father of Columba (Columcille), according to tradition. The abbey on Trinity Island in Lough Oughter, not far from the diocesan cathedral, recalls the early days of Christianity in Cavan and the neighbourhood. A later Norman doorway from the island is now incorporated in the present cathedral. William Bedell, the much honoured 17th century bishop of Kilmore, is remembered for his saintly life and his work of translating the scriptures into the Irish language.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one, in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENITENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 2: 1-9

My son, if you come forward to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for temptation. Such your heart right and be steadfast, and do not be hasty in time of calamity. Cleave to him and do not depart, that you may be honoured at the end of your life. Accept whatever is brought upon you, and in changes that humble you be patient. For gold is tested in the fire, and those who are acceptable in the furnace of humiliation. Trust in

him, and he will help you; make your ways straight, and hope in him. You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; and turn not aside, lest you fall. You who fear the Lord, trust in him, and your reward will not fail; you who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for everlasting joy and mercy.

or

Malachi 2: 5-7

My covenant with him was a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him, that he might fear; and he feared me, he stood in awe of my name. True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and instruction should be sought from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may rest upon your holy hill?

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may rest upon your holy hill? Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing that is right; **℞**

Who speaks the truth from the heart

and bears no deceit on the tongue;

Who does no evil to a friend

and pours no scorn on a neighbour;

in whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,

but who honours those who fear the Lord. **℞**

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour

and never goes back on the word;

Who does not lend money in hope of gain,

nor takes a bribe against the innocent;

Whoever does these things shall never fall. **℞**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let all people know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 10: 42-45

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 42.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them but shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the diocese of Kilmore, the bishop, clergy and people of the parishes in the towns and farming areas. We give thanks for all who have responsibility for translating and teaching the scriptures. We remember the life and worship of the Irish Guild of the Church.

Gracious Father,
you call men and women
from all stations in life to your service:
Give to all parents,
after the example of Prince Felim, father of Columba,
wisdom in the upbringing of their children
to the praise and glory of your holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 with Extended Preface from Stowe (9th C)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God,
not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you
and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory, as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
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and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
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until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
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he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
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for the forgiveness of sins.
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in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

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And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
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For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
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For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
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of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
Who called felim to serve you
And gave him joy in walking the path of holiness:
By this eucharist,
In which you renew within us the vision of your glory,
Strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection
Until we come to see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

God who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

St Crumnathy or Nathy

Achonry Diocese

9th August

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moncan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

The monastery of Achonry in Co Sligo was founded by Finnian of Clonard at some date in the sixth century and was established under St Nathi as a centre of prayer and study.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness
enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one
in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
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that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

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PENITENCE

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Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
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Come my children, listen to me:
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Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
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through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 39: 1-9

He who devotes himself to the study of the law of the Most High will seek out the wisdom of all the ancients and will be concerned with prophecies; he will preserve the Discourse of notable men and penetrate the subtleties of parables; he will seek out the hidden meanings of proverbs and be at home with the obscurities of parables. He will serve among great men and appear before rulers; he will travel

through the lands of foreign nations, for he tests the good and the evil among men. He will set his heart to rise early to seek the Lord who made him, and will make supplication before the most high; he will open his mouth in prayer and make supplication for his sins. If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. He will direct his counsel and knowledge aright, and meditate on his secrets. He will reveal instruction in his teaching and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding, and it will never be blotted out; his memory will not Disappear, and his name will live through all generations.

or

Jeremiah 17: 7-10

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it?" I the Lord search the mind and try the heart, to give to everyone according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 34: 11-17

**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. **℟**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2: 6-13

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the spirit searches everything even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thought except the spirit of the person which is in them? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit.

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

St John 16: 12-15

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 16, beginning at verse 12.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I have yet many things to say to you but you cannot hear them know. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for all places where study and prayer go hand in hand, for Summer Schools and Retreat Centres. We pray for St Deniol's Library in North Wales and St George's College in Jerusalem which seek to serve the Anglican Communion in this way

God of all ages:

we pray that, encouraged by the example of St Crumnathy,
we may devote time and prayer to study the Holy Scriptures,
which may make us wise unto salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

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We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory,
as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,

giving your only begotten Son to become man
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he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

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and when he had given thanks to you,
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for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

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Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

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**Lamb of God,
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant Crumnathy
that he served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

God who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Muredach or Murtagh

Killala diocese, circa 480 12th August

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

Muredach was an 'old man', perhaps a presbyter or priest, in St Patrick's household. At the conclusion of his mission to the West, Patrick left his companion to be bishop in West Sligo and Mayo. One tradition says that at the end of his life he went to live as a hermit on the island of Innismurray.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness
enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one
in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENTENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 2: 1-9

My son, if you come forward to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for temptation. Such your heart right and be steadfast, and do not be hasty in time of calamity. Cleave to him and do not depart, that you may be honoured at the end of your life. Accept whatever is brought upon you, and in changes that humble you be patient. For gold is tested in the fire, and those who are acceptable in the furnace of humiliation. Trust in him, and he will help you; make your ways straight, and hope in him.

You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; and turn not aside, lest you fall. You who fear the Lord, trust in him, and your reward will not fail; you who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for everlasting joy and mercy.

or

Malachi 2: 5-7

My covenant with him was a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him, that he might fear; and he feared me, he stood in awe of my name. True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and instruction should be sought from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may rest upon your holy hill?

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Who may rest upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life
and does the thing that is right; **℞**

Who speaks the truth from the heart
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
Who does no evil to a friend
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;
in whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,
but who honours those who fear the Lord. **℞**

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour
and never goes back on the word;
Who does not lend money in hope of gain,
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
Whoever does these things shall never fall. **℞**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let all people know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 10: 42-45

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 42.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them but shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for companionship for those who are lonely, and we give thanks for those who go to unfamiliar places in the service of Christ's mission. We pray also for the faithful members of the church in Co. Mayo and the north west of Co Sligo, especially as they welcome visitors at holiday time.

Powerful God,
whose power holds us and leads us in the service of Christ
and whose ear hearkens to our needs:
like Muredach of Patrick's household,
may we find Christ in the hearts of all that love us
and in the mouth of friend and stranger.
We ask this in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1

with Preface from the Stowe missal (9th C)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory,
as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
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we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

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and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
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Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
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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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
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For the loaf that we break is the body
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for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

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THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
who called Muredach to serve you
and gave him joy in walking the path of holiness:
by this eucharist,
in which you renew within us the vision of your glory,
strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection
until we come to see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

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God who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Declan

Bishop, Lismore diocese, 5th century

24th July

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Brothers and sisters, be joyful, and keep your faith and belief, and do the little things which you have heard and seen with me. *St David*

INTRODUCTION

Declan, of Ardmore in West Waterford, was a prince of the tribe of Decies among whom there were Christians prior to the coming of Patrick. It is believed that when Patrick was escaping from slavery he received Christian hospitality among the Decies. The round tower at Ardmore (95 feet in height) is probably the best surviving example of its kind.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, your name is blessed
from the rising of the sun to its setting;
fill our hearts with knowledge of yourself
and our mouths with your praise,
that from East to West all may sing your glory,
with one voice and accord,
in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
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Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
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that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

For thus says the Lord God: behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock with some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and we bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself would be

the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. *℟*

Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.
Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper. *℟*

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgment,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish. *℟*

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 5: 1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the

chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd:

I know my own and my own know me. **Alleluia!** *John 10:14*

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10: 11-16

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 11.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the father knows me and I know the father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We give thanks for the earliest Christian witness in Ireland.
We pray for all who exercise Christian hospitality.

Light of all who sit in darkness:
we remember with thanksgiving Declan,
and those who spread your light
when this land was in the grip of paganism.
Strengthen all who bear witness today
to those who do not know Jesus Christ.
Grant this for his Name's sake. **Amen.**

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Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life,
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2 With Extended Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we remember Declan, who in your loving providence
enabled your Church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.
To your children he faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.
Through a pastor's love he led your people to share your grace
and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith
and in the work of selfless charity.

On this his feast, we join with him to praise you
and in the company of angels and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory;

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Merciful Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our Saviour Jesus Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his blood,
who on the night he was betrayed took bread
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,

Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,
we do as our Saviour has commanded:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and we look for his coming
to fulfil all things according to your will.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.

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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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Declan revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people;
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling:
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

The Blessing

Christ the good shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Jeremy Taylor

Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667

13th August

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You did not choose me but I chose you.

and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. *John 15:16*

INTRODUCTION

Jeremy Taylor, the Distinguished Anglican theologian, who wrote devotional and theological books in the difficult days of the Commonwealth in England, came to Ireland in 1658 and is gratefully remembered in Lisburn and Ballinderry. In 1660 he became Bishop of Down and Connor. Although the times were controversial, he maintained, as was said at the time, much 'largeness and freedom of spirit'. His books, *Holy Living* and *Holy Dying* are still read. A study of his teaching on the Holy Communion by H.R. McAdoo (Archbishop of Dublin 1977-85) has drawn attention to the importance of Taylor's teaching in the book, *The Real Presence* (1654).

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PENITENCE

In sorrow for our sins and with faith in his mercy,
let us turn to the Lord,
for with him there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

Silence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 3: 6-10

Solomon said to the Lord, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant King in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to Discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM
from Psalm 119

**My delight is in your commandments,
O God, which I have greatly loved.**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes
and I shall keep it to the end.
Give me understanding and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with my whole heart. *℟*

Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities;
O give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
which stands for all who fear you. *℟*

Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgments are good.
Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness give me life. *℟*

THE SECOND READING
Titus 2: 7,8, 11-14

Show yourself in all respects a model of good deeds, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech that cannot be censured, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us. For the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good works.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Whoever keeps the commandments and teaches them will be called
great in the kingdom of heaven. *Mt 5:19*

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5: 17-20

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St Matthew, chapter 5, beginning at verse 17.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Think not that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ADDITIONAL READING

From Holy Living by Jeremy Taylor (adapted)

There is no greater argument in the world of our spiritual danger and unwillingness to religion, than the backwardness which most people have always, and all people have sometimes, to say their prayers; so weary of their length, so glad when they are done, so witty to excuse and frustrate an opportunity: and yet all is nothing but a desiring of God to give us the greatest and the best things we can need, and which can make us happy; it is a work so easy, so honourable, and to so great a purpose, that in all instances of religion and providence (except only the Incarnation of His Son) God hath not given us a greater argument of His willingness to have us saved, and of our unwillingness to accept it, His goodness and our gracelessness, His infinite condescension and our carelessness and folly, than by rewarding so easy a duty with so great blessings.

The Prayers of the People

We give thanks for the courage of Bishop Jeremy Taylor, who was 'valiant for truth'. We ask for God's blessing on inter-church dialogue continuing throughout the world in the search for Christian truth. We remember in prayer the diocese of Dromore and the work of its cathedral where Jeremy Taylor was buried.

Almighty God,
your servant Jeremy Taylor found in this land
a grove of peace in time of conflict
and was called to be a bishop to bring order
at a time of reconstruction:

Grant that we who give thanks for his holy life and legacy
may be strengthened by your Spirit in Holy Living
and for Holy Dying;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life,
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2 With Extended Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he has named his people
The salt of the earth and light of the world;
a city set on a hill which cannot be hidden.

Within this faithful company
your servant Jeremy Taylor became a learned teacher
through the gifts of the Holy Spirit of Christ,
that others might welcome his teaching as your gift,
a beacon on the path of holiness
that leads to eternal life.

As now we celebrate his memory
we join with angels and archangels
and all who have served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven
to raise our voices and proclaim your glory
for every praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

Merciful Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our Saviour Jesus Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his blood,
who on the night he was betrayed took bread
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,
we do as our Saviour has commanded:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and we look for his coming
to fulfil all things according to your will.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;

in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

or

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of truth, whose wisdom set her table
and invited us to eat the bread and drink the wine of the kingdom:
help us to set aside all foolishness
and to live and walk in the way of insight,
that we may come with your servant Jeremy
to the eternal feast of heaven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

DISMISSAL

The Blessing

God grant you grace
to be good and faithful servants of Jesus Christ,
nourished on the words of the faith
and on the sound teaching that you have followed; *cf 1 Tim 4:6*
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

St Fachtna or Fachanan

Bishop, Ross diocese, 6th century

14th August

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Brothers and sisters, be joyful,
and keep your faith and belief,
and do the little things
which you have heard and seen with me.

St David

INTRODUCTION

Fachtna was described as being "a wise and upright man" and one with a great gift for preaching. He was the founder the community of Rosscarbery in West Cork

OPENING PRAYER

O God, your name is blessed from the rising of the sun to its setting;
fill our hearts with knowledge of yourself
and our mouths with your praise,
that from East to West all may sing your glory,
with one voice and accord,
in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

For thus says the Lord God: behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock with some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and we bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself would be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord

God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM
Psalm 31: 1-6

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. *℟*

Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.
Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper. *℟*

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgment,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish. *℟*

THE SECOND READING
1 Peter 5: 1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd:

I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia! *John 10:14*

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10: 11-16

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 11.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the father knows me and I know the father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

Fachtna was described as being 'a wise and upright man' and one with a great gift for preaching. We pray for all who are called to the ministry of preaching that they may be gifted by the Holy Spirit.

God,

from of old you have given wisdom to your prophets and preachers:

grant to all who, like Fachtna,

are sent as heralds of the kingdom,

wise words and strength of character

that the world may believe

you sent your Son to be Saviour of all:

even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life,
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2 With Extended Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we honour Fachtna,
who in your loving providence
enabled your Church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.
To your children he faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.

Through a pastor's love he led your people to share your grace
and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith
and in the work of selfless charity.

On this his feast, we join with him to praise you
and in the company of angels and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Merciful Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our Saviour Jesus Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his blood,
who on the night he was betrayed took bread
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,
we do as our Saviour has commanded:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and we look for his coming
to fulfil all things according to your will.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Fachtna revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people;
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling:
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

Christ, the good shepherd
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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

Charles Inglis

Bishop, 18th century

14th August

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You did not choose me but I chose you.

and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. *John 15:16*

INTRODUCTION

Charles Inglis was the son of a rector of Glencolumbkille in Co Donegal (diocese of Raphoe). After ordination, he served in New York at the down-town Trinity Church, and later had the Distinction of being consecrated at Lambeth Palace as the first bishop of Nova Scotia and first bishop in the British Empire overseas (1787). He is remembered regularly in the church at Glencolumbkille each August.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PENITENCE

Jesus is the Good Shepherd:
in every generation he raises up overseers,
to shepherd the Church of God
that he obtained with his own blood.
We are sinners: let us call to mind the times
when we have failed to hear his voice
and not followed where he has led.

Silence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you shall go, and whatever I command you shall speak. Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put forth his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM
from Psalm 15

**Let us stay with the Lord all the days of our life
by speaking the truth from the heart.**

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may rest upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads an uncorrupt life
and does the thing that is right. **R**

Who speaks the truth from the heart
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
who does no evil to a friend;
and pours no scorn on a neighbour. **R**

In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,
but who honours those who fear the Lord.
Whoever has sworn to a neighbour
and never goes back on that word. **R**

Who does not lend money in hope of gain,
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
whoever does these things
shall never fall. **R**

THE SECOND READING
1 Peter 5: 1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

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

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Make Disciples of the nations:

baptizing and teaching them, as I have commanded you. Alleluia!

Matthew 28:19,20

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-16

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,

according to St John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 11.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We give thanks for the pioneering work of Bishop Inglis, and also for many others who have gone out from the Church of Ireland to serve the Anglican Church of Canada. We pray for the church in French Canada, the Maritimes and the provinces of Canada. Including especially Nova Scotia. We remember the Irish in Canada belonging to all the churches.

Almighty God,
as we remember with thanksgiving Charles Inglis,
first bishop of the Anglican Church in Canada,
we thank you for the sons and daughters
of the rectories of the Church of Ireland
called to the ministry of your church.
We pray that,
in whatever parts of the world your ministers serve,
they may lay firm foundations
for faith, worship and nurture
in the things which belong to the Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life,
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Eucharistic Prayer 1 with extended Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we honour Charles Inglis who in your loving providence
enabled your church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.
To your children he faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.

Through a pastor's love he led your people to share your grace
and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith
and in the work of selfless charity.

On this his feast, we join with him to praise you
and in the company of Angels and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;

in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Charles revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people:
by this Eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling;
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

Christ the good Shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold; And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

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

St Oengus Mac Nisse of Daldiada

Connor Diocese, 514

3rd September

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Brothers and sisters, be joyful,
and keep your faith and belief,
and do the little things
which you have heard and seen with me.

St David

INTRODUCTION

Oengus Mac Nisse (or Macanisius), the first bishop of Connor, is thought to have been at Kells as a hermit earlier in his life. The story told of him may reveal his sense of dedication: instead of carrying his gospel book in his satchel as was customary, he bore it on his shoulders 'hunched up or on all fours'

OPENING PRAYER

O God, your name is blessed
from the rising of the sun to its setting;
fill our hearts with knowledge of yourself
and our mouths with your praise,
that from East to West all may sing your glory,
with one voice and accord,
in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

For thus says the Lord God: behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock with some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and we bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself would be

the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 31: 1-6

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. *℟*

Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.
Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper. *℟*

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgment,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish. *℟*

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 5: 1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock And when the

chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

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THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd:

I know my own and my own know me. **Alleluia!** *John 10:14*

THE GOSPEL READING

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the diocese of Connor, and the parishes of Co. Antrim. We ask for God's blessing on the schools and all places of education in the area. We ask for God's continued blessing on the work of peacemaking and reconciliation in the Corrymeela Fellowship.

God, for whom Oengus Mac Nisse
gladly bore the burden of leadership as bishop
among the hills of Antrim:
Keep those whom you call as leaders in church and State
always mindful of their duty to Jesus Christ,
whose servants they are,
and to whom be glory in the church to all generations,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life,
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

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The priest takes the bread and cup

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 with extended Preface

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We lift them to the Lord.

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It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
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Through a pastor's love he led your people to share your grace
and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith
and in the work of selfless charity.

On this his feast, we join with him to praise you
and in the company of Angels and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;

he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
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he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
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until he comes again.

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this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

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for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

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AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
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Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Oengus revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people;
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling:
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
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DISMISSAL
The Blessing

Christ the good Shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

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

St Ciaran of Clonmacnoise

circa 545

9th September

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

Clonmacnoise, on the east bank of the river Shannon, where the ancient chariot-road through the centre of Ireland crossed the river, was an outstanding centre of prayer and study and monastic life. Many missionaries went out from here to the European Continent, including Virgilius (Fergal), Archbishop of Salzburg, and Alcuin's teacher, Colgu. Among the books written here were the Annals of Clonmacnoise, the Book of the Dun Cow, and the Annals of Tigernach (Tierney). Ciaran from Connacht was the founder. The stones, the Cross of the Scriptures and the stone churches encircling "the great stone church", a thousand years old, make an impressive sight.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one, in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err, who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENTENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 10: 27-32

The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short. The hope of the righteous ends in darkness, but the expectation of the wicked comes to naught. The Lord is a stronghold to him whose way is upright, but destruction to evildoers. The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land. The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 31: 1-6

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me. *℟*

Be my strong rock. a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake *℟*

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

I hate those who cling to worthless idols;

I put my trust in the Lord. *℟*

THE SECOND READING

1 John 2: 12-17

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the

Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 32-37

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. Luke, chapter 12, beginning at verse 32

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with the treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We give thanks for our Christian heritage of learning, missionary zeal, sculpture and the arts. We pray for those who share in the worship of the Church of Ireland's Temple Conor, one of the ancient churches on this historic spot, remembering the Dean of Clonmacnoise, the bishop, and the parishes of the diocese of Meath.

High King of Heaven,
we give thanks for the ministry of Ciaran
and for the centre of learning he established at Clonmacnoise:
Keep before your church such a vision of yourself
and a sense of your abiding presence
that we may worship you in spirit and in truth here on earth
and through Christ receive heaven's joy at the last;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 with Extended Preface from Stone (9th C)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.
We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory,
as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;

in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, we give you thanks
because it is through you that we have celebrated these holy mysteries;
We beg from you your gifts of holiness:
have mercy on us, Lord, Saviour of the world,
King for ever and ever. Amen. *Stowe (9th c)*

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

The Blessing

adapted from Nuall Fir Fhio: 'Fer Fio's Cry (tr John Carey)

Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of Christ.
May your blessing, Lord,
be upon your people,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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

St Finnian of Movilla in the Ards

Down diocese, 579 10th September

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

My soul's desire is to see the face of God, and to rest in his house.

St Columba

INTRODUCTION

Finnian was educated at the abbey of Nendrum on Mahee island on Strangford Lough. After spending twenty years in Scotland as student and missionary he came to Movilla (5 miles from Bangor) to found his monastery. There is a tradition that the psalter called the *Cathach* ('the battle book'), now in the Royal Irish Academy, was one of Finnian's books. Some scholars say that Finnian introduced to Ireland its first copy of Jerome's Vulgate version of the scriptures. Several Finnians are associated with the famous story of Columba's secret copying of the manuscript without permission; the king's judgement against Columba was supposed to have led to his exile in Iona.

OPENING PRAYER

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love that never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our saviour and redeemer. **Amen.** *St Columba*

PENTENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains of the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into

singing, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 96

**Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.**

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples. *℟*

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are but idols;
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his sanctuary. *℟*

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him. *℟*

THE SECOND READING

Romans 15: 17-21

In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has wrought through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Holy

Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and as far round as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ, thus making it my ambition to preach the gospel, want where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation, but as it is written "They shall see who have never been told of him, and they shall understand who have never heard of him."

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Go, make Disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
We will declare his deeds among the peoples.
We will sing and be glad and rejoice in his holy name.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 5: 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St Luke chapter 5, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennersaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he has ceased speaking he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when he had done this, they enclosed a great

shoal to fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We give thanks and pray for the missionary societies (C.M.S., U.S., the Dublin University Missions in India and China and the Far East). We pray also for religious education in all schools and colleges, especially all education that develops mutual understanding between the different Christian traditions in this island.

Heavenly Father,
your Son Jesus Christ prayed and taught the people
in the hills above the Sea of Galilee;
and you led Finnian to establish
on the hill above Strangford Lough
a place of prayer and learning:
Help us to draw closer to you in prayer
and by study of your word,
and thereby equip us for the service of the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of our salvation,
your love for the world is without end.
May our participation in this our sacrifice of praise
renew us in our dedication to your mission.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2 With Extended Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For this work your servant Finnian was set apart by the Spirit;
in faith and obedience he went to peoples who knew you not
and to serve you in work and prayer in his own land.

You called him to be all things to everyone
as a minister of your word,
so that in your sight the others might also become
a holy sacrifice, acceptable to you.

And so we join with all your saints
to sing of your great story
in this their joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Merciful Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our Saviour Jesus Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his blood,
who on the night he was betrayed took bread
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,
we do as our Saviour has commanded:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and we look for his coming
to fulfil all things according to your will.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

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AGNUS DEI

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, King of Saints,
in the solemn roll call of your sons we name Finnian.
Mould us, who have tasted your goodness at this table,
to your perfection,
so we may come as guests
to the Royal banquet of your kingdom in heaven;
where with the Father and the Son, you reign, for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

DISMISSAL *The Blessing*

May the Three Who are over you,
The Three Who are below you,
The Three Who are above you here, The Three Who are above you
yonder, The Three Who are in the earth,
The Three Who are in the air,
The Three Who are in heaven,
The Three Who are in the great pouring sea
-bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Three in One and One in Three. **Amen.** *Gaelic, amended*

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

Ailbhe

Bishop, Emly diocese, circa 526

12th September

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Brothers and sisters, be joyful,
and keep your faith and belief,
and do the little things
which you have heard and seen with me.

St David

INTRODUCTION

Much of the recorded life of Ailbhe is a confusion of legends and contradictory traditions. Yet the tradition of a holy man, a powerful preacher and teacher in the region of Cashel, cannot be set aside. There is just a possibility that Ailbhe may represent an evangelistic initiative arising from a Christian British colony in Ireland independent from that of Patrick.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, your name is blessed
from the rising of the sun to its setting;
fill our hearts with knowledge of yourself
and our mouths with your praise,
that from East to West all may sing your glory,
with one voice and accord,
in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
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you have knit together your elect
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Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

For thus says the Lord God: behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock with some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and we bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself would be

the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. **℟**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.
Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper. **℟**

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgment,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish. **℟**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 5: 1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the

chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd:

I know my own and my own know me. **Alleluia!** *John 10:14*

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10: 11-16

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 11.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the father knows me and I know the father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for all who are called to preach and teach the good news of the gospel. We pray for the Church Army and other agencies within the church which make evangelism their main objective.

Glorious God,
you answered the prayer of your bishop Ailbhe to know you,
the Creator of all things,
and to serve you, Maker of heaven and earth:
empower your church to proclaim you
as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier,
that your kingdom of love may grow in this land
and throughout the world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

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It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we honour Ailbhe, who in your loving providence
enabled your Church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.
To your children he faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.
Through a pastor's love he led your people to share your grace
and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith
and in the work of selfless charity.

On this his feast, we join with him to praise you
and in the company of angels and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Merciful Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our Saviour Jesus Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his blood,
who on the night he was betrayed took bread
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,

Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,
we do as our Saviour has commanded:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and we look for his coming
to fulfil all things according to your will.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

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Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Ailbhe revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people;
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling:
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*DISMISSAL
The Blessing*

Christ the good Shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice, to be one flock within one fold;
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

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

St Eunan (Adomnán)

Abbot, Raphoe diocese, 7th century

23rd September

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

Eunan (or Adomnán) was born near Raphoe, in Co. Donegal, in 627. His *Life of Columba* gives us a vivid and warmly human account of the famous saint of Iona and the community life there. Adomnán also wrote about the Holy Land, hearing from Arculf, a visitor to Iona, about the sacred sites of the gospel. Through his visits to Northumbria, Adomnán accepted the Roman way of dating Easter and abandoned the Celtic style of tonsure. He died in 704.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one, in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENITENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 10: 27-32

The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short. The hope of the righteous ends in darkness, but the expectation of the wicked comes to naught. The Lord is a stronghold to him whose way is upright, but destruction to evildoers. The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land. The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 31: 1-6

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me. *℟*

Be my strong rock. a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake *℟*

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

I hate those who cling to worthless idols;
I put my trust in the Lord. *℟*

THE SECOND READING

1 John 2: 12-17

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 32-37

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. Luke, chapter 12, beginning at verse 32

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with the treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We give thanks and praise to God for the life and example of Eunan; for his constant efforts to promote "concord and peace", for his rejection of violence. We praise God also that through the writings of Eunan, the missionary and evangelistic work of St Columba became widely known. We pray for the churches in Scotland. We pray for the diocese of Derry and Raphoe, for the bishop, clergy and people in counties Donegal, Tyrone, and Londonderry.

Lord God,
your servant Eunan recorded the grace
you gave to his mentor, Columba.
We thank you for all who have handed on
the teaching of faithful men and women
to encourage us in following the example
of all that has been true and good in their lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 with Extended Preface from the Stowe missal (9th C)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory, as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
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Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
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**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, we give you thanks because it is through you
that we have celebrated these holy mysteries;
We beg from you your gifts of holiness:
have mercy on us, Lord, Saviour of the world,
King for ever and ever. *Amen. Stowe (9th c)*

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

DISMISSAL

The Blessing

adapted from Nuall Fir Fhio: 'Fer Fio's Cry (tr John Carey)

Salvation is of the Lord,

Salvation is of Christ.

May your blessing, Lord,

be upon your people,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

St Fin Barre

Cork diocese, 623

25th September

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Help us, Unity in Trinity,

Trinity in Unity take pity.

Laidcenn, Irish, seventh century

INTRODUCTION

From his hermitage at Gougane Barra in west Cork, he travelled down the river Lee to found his school and monastery among the 'marches' of what is now Cork city. In his lifetime he was honoured as a teacher and described as 'this loving man, Barre of Cork.'

OPENING PRAYER

O holy Jesus,

Gentle friend,

Morning star,

Midday sun adored,

Fountain every-new, ever-living, ever-lasting

Son of the merciful Father without mother in heaven,

Son of the Virgin Mary, without father on earth,

true and loving brother,

Give, grant, and impart to us your holy grace and your Holy Spirit to protect and preserve us from all our sins, present and future. **Amen.**

PENTENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

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Come my children, listen to me:
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Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 39: 1-9

He who devotes himself to the study of the law of the Most High will seek out the wisdom of all the ancients and will be concerned with prophecies; he will preserve the Discourse of notable men and penetrate the subtleties of parables; he will seek out the hidden meanings of proverbs and be at home with the obscurities of parables. He will serve among great men and appear before rulers; he will travel through the lands of foreign nations, for he tests the good and the evil

among men. He will set his heart to rise early to seek the Lord who made him, and will make supplication before the most high; he will open his mouth in prayer and make supplication for his sins. If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. He will direct his counsel and knowledge aright, and meditate on his secrets. He will reveal instruction in his teaching and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding, and it will never be blotted out; his memory will not Disappear, and his name will live through all generations.

or

Jeremiah 17: 7-10

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it? "I the Lord search the mind and try the heart, to give to everyone according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 34: 11-17

**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. **℟**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles. **℟**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2: 6-13

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the spirit searches everything even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thought except the spirit of the person which is in them? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit.

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THE GRADUAL

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THE GOSPEL READING

St John 16: 12-15

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 16, beginning at verse 12

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I have yet many things to say to you but you cannot hear them know. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the diocese of Cork, its bishop, clergy and people and ask a blessing upon the witness and worship of St Fin Barre's Cathedral, its dean and chapter, its choir and congregation. We pray for schools and colleges in the city and diocese.

We give you thanks, Father God,
for the example of that loving man, Fin Barre of Cork,
and pray that as he served you as a teacher of the faith
so we may always follow his example in faith,
in hope and in love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Brian Mayne*

or

Almighty God
you guided Saint Fin Barre
to teach the faith and the way of your Church;
grant that as he journeyed in faith
and Discerned your guiding hand,
to so guard and guide us in our earthly pilgrimage,
that we may be found worthy of sharing
in the inheritance of Fin Barre
and all your saints in glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Nigel Dunne*

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wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.
We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory,
as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;

in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

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you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

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you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant St Fin Barre
that he served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

God who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Canice

Bishop, Ossory diocese, 6th century

11th October

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Brothers and sisters, be joyful,
and keep your faith and belief,
and do the little things
which you have heard and seen with me.

St David

INTRODUCTION

Canice (Kenneth) was a friend and companion of St Columba. Adomnán mentions him in his *Life of Columba*. The son of a bard from Co. Derry, he later founded many monasteries in Ireland. Wales and Scotland cherish their link with him also. His foundation at Aghaboe in Laois became the principal monastery in Ossory diocese. A lonely figure, he copied the scriptures and became known as the preacher who loved the countryside and animal life.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, your name is blessed
from the rising of the sun to its setting;
fill our hearts with knowledge of yourself
and our mouths with your praise,
that from East to West all may sing your glory,
with one voice and accord,
in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

For thus says the Lord God: behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and we bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by

the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. **℞**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.
Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper. **℞**

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgment,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish. **℞**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 5: 1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd:

I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10: 11-16

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 11

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the father knows me and I know the father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray on this day for the conservation of the earth, for all who care with compassion. We give thanks for the dedicated life of St Canice.

Lord, how various are your works,
in wisdom you have made them all
and the earth is full of your creatures:
Grant that, as we praise you for the life and preaching of Canice
among the hills and rivers of Kilkenny,
so we may after his example learn to regard the heritage
we have in this beautiful land as a trust
to preserve and hand on for those who come after us,
for your glory endures for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life,
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 With Extended Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we honour St Canice,
who in your loving providence
enabled your Church to grow in spirit
as the body of Christ.

To your children
he faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.

Through a pastor's love
he led your people to share your grace
and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith
and in the work of selfless charity.

On this his feast, we join with him to praise you
and in the company of angels and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
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we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
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grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him.
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

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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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant St Canice revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people;
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling:
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

Christ the good Shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

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

St Móibhí

Teacher, 545

12th October

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

Móibhí's name has a special association with Glasnevin, Dublin. Here he founded a monastery. Among his pupils was the great Columba.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness
enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one
in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENITENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 39: 1-9

He who devotes himself to the study of the law of the Most High will seek out the wisdom of all the ancients and will be concerned with prophecies; he will preserve the Discourse of notable men and penetrate the subtleties of parables; he will seek out the hidden meanings of proverbs and be at home with the obscurities of parables. He will serve among great men and appear before rulers; he will travel through the lands of foreign nations, for he tests the good and the evil

among men. He will set his heart to rise early to seek the Lord who made him, and will make supplication before the most high; he will open his mouth in prayer and make supplication for his sins. If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. He will direct his counsel and knowledge aright, and meditate on his secrets. He will reveal instruction in his teaching and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding, and it will never be blotted out; his memory will not Disappear, and his name will live through all generations.

or

Jeremiah 17: 7-10

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it? "I the Lord search the mind and try the heart, to give to everyone according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 34: 11-17

**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. **℟**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2: 6-13

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the spirit searches everything even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thought except the spirit of the person which is in them? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

St John 16: 12-15

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 16, beginning at verse 12.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I have yet many things to say to you but you cannot hear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We make intercession on this day for all those engaged in teaching, both in primary and secondary schools. We pray for all whose vocation for teaching is developing. We remember those in university and college life who have the responsibility of teaching those in training for the teaching profession.

Almighty God,
your apostle commanded Timothy to choose and instruct those who would in turn be able to teach others.
We thank you for the life and example of your servant Móibhí teacher of Columba,
and pray that those called to be teachers of the faith today may be enabled to inspire those who will also teach those who came after them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2 with Extended Preface from Stowe (9th C)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory, as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our Saviour Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his blood,
who on the night he was betrayed took bread;
and when he had given you thanks

he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you,
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,
we do as our Saviour has commanded:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and we look for his coming
to fulfil all things according to your will.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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Give us this day our daily bread.
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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
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They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
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For the loaf that we break is the body
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of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of truth,
whose Wisdom set here table
and invited us to eat the bread and drink the wine
of the kingdom:
help us to lay aside all foolishness
and to live and walk in the way of insight,
that we may come with Móibhí to the eternal feast of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL *The Blessing*

God grant you grace to be good servants of Christ Jesus,
nourished on the words of the faith
and on the sound teaching that you have followed; *cf 1 Timothy 4:6*
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Gall

Missionary, Down diocese, 630

16th October

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

My soul's desire is to see the face of God, and to rest in his house.

St Columba

INTRODUCTION

St Gall came from Leinster to Bangor in Co Down to be trained in the monastery there by Comgall. He set off for Europe as a missionary with St Columbanus and others in 589. Although he did not found the St Gall monastery in Switzerland which bears his name and is a famous reminder of his Christian evangelising, his gentle life of holiness made a deep impression both in France and Switzerland.

OPENING PRAYER

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love that never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our saviour and redeemer. **Amen.** *St Columba*

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains of the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 96

**Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.**

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples. *℟*

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are but idols;
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his sanctuary. *℟*

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him. *℟*

THE SECOND READING

Romans 15: 17-21

In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has wrought through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and as far round as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ, thus making it my ambition to preach the gospel, want where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation, but as it is written "They shall see who have

never been told of him, and they shall understand who have never heard of him."

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Go, make Disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
We will declare his deeds among the peoples.
We will sing and be glad and rejoice in his holy name.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 5: 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St Luke chapter 5, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennersaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he has ceased speaking he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when he had done this, they enclosed a great shoal to fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter

saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying "Depart from me, from for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men."". And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We give thanks for the missionary tradition of the church; for all those who in their lives and by their deaths have glorified God in many continents, including Europe. We pray at this time for the European Union and Ireland's part in its life and work. We remember scholars, librarians, researchers who study and conserve ancient scriptural manuscripts and the records of the Christian church. We pray for the library of the Representative Church Body and its staff and all who read and study there.

Almighty and everlasting God,
with whom your weak ones go forth as the mighty:
We thank you for your servant St Gall
who went boldly in your Name
as missionary to barbarian invaders of Europe in his day
commending the gospel through his gentle life of holiness;
May your church ever respond
to the commission to spread the gospel
and draw inspiration from the saints of old;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of our salvation,
your love for the world is without end.
May our participation in this our sacrifice of praise
renew us in our dedication to your mission.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 With Extended Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has never ceased to call Disciples;
he sends them to bring salvation to the nations
by the light of the gospel.

For this work your servant St Gall was set apart by the Spirit;
in faith and obedience he went to peoples who knew you not
and to serve you in work and prayer in his own land.

You called him to be all things to everyone
as a minister of your word,
so that in your sight the others might also become
a holy sacrifice, acceptable to you.

And so we join with all your saints
to sing of your great story
in this their joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:

he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed took bread;

and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him.
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, King of Saints,
in the solemn roll call of your sons we name St Gall.
Mould us, who have tasted your goodness at this table,
to your perfection,
so we may come as guests
to the royal banquet of your kingdom in heaven;
where with the Father and the Son, you reign, for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

May the Three Who are over you,
The Three Who are below you,
The Three Who are above you here, The Three Who are above you
yonder, The Three Who are in the earth,
The Three Who are in the air,
The Three Who are in heaven,
The Three Who are in the great pouring sea
-bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Three in One and One in Three. **Amen.** *Gaelic, amended*

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

St Otteran

Abbot, Waterford diocese, 563

27th October

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

Otteran, an abbot from Meath, was one of the companions who sailed with Columba from Lough Foyle. He died soon after the landing on Iona. His burying-place, *Relig Odbrain*, later became also the burying-place for kings of Dalriada, Scotland and Norway. Scandinavian links with Iona explain the special place Otteran has as Patron of the see of Waterford which was founded by the Danes.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness
enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one
in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENITENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 10: 27-32

The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short. The hope of the righteous ends in darkness, but the expectation of the wicked comes to naught. The Lord is a stronghold to him whose way is upright, but destruction to evildoers. The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land. The mouth of the

righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM
Psalm 31: 1-6

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me. **℟**

Be my strong rock. a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake **℟**

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

I hate those who cling to worthless idols;
I put my trust in the Lord. **℟**

THE SECOND READING
1 John 2: 12-17

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the

Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 32-37

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. Luke, chapter 12, beginning at verse 32

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with the treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for all who travel, especially for emergency services which serve travellers - the Life Boat service and helicopter rescue crews. We pray for Waterford, for the witness and ministry of the Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity (Christ Church). We pray for St Otteran's Hospital in the city, its patients and those who care for them. We give thanks for all who went from the port of Waterford to found new homes in America, Australia and New Zealand.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 with Extended Preface from Stowe (9th C)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.
We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory, as we say

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
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and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
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until he comes again.

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and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
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for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
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we remember his passion and death,
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Accept through him, our great high priest,
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and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

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as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

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For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

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The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

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THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, we give you thanks because it is through you
that we have celebrated these holy mysteries;
We beg from you your gifts of holiness:
have mercy on us, Lord, Saviour of the world,
King for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Stowe (9th c)*

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we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

DISMISSAL

The Blessing

adapted from Nuall Fir Fhio: 'Fer Fio's Cry (tr John Carey)

Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of Christ.
May your blessing, Lord,
be upon your people,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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

St Malachy

Bishop, Armagh and Down dioceses, 1148

3rd November

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Help us, Unity in Trinity, Trinity in Unity, take pity

Laidcenn, Irish, seventh century

INTRODUCTION

To Malachy is due the restoration, re-organization and re-unification of the church in Ireland after the ravages of the Norsemen. In his time the dioceses of Ireland were first organised as we know them. Under his leadership the arrival of the Anglo-Normans was less of a Disaster than it might have been. He co-operated with John de Courcy in the assimilation of the Norman influence in Ulster, including the re-formation of the Abbey of Down under the Benedictine order. He also undertook the rebuilding of the cathedral of Armagh and gained the recognition of Armagh as the Primatial See.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one, in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
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COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-116

For thus says the Lord God: behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock with some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and we bring them into

their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself would be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. **℟**

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and they meditate on his law day and night.

Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper. **℟**

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgment,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish. **℟**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 5: 1-4

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but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

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THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd:

I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10: 11-16

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 11

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the father knows me and I know the father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.'

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Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for all the dioceses of the church, and all who maintain the organisation of the church in them. We pray for the Archbishop of Armagh, with his leadership responsibilities as Primate of all Ireland. We pray for the continuing witness of the cathedrals of Armagh and Down.

God, you called Malachy to be a re-builder
and restorer of the Irish church:
Look upon your church in this land today,
correct what is amiss and supply what is lacking;
that we may more and more bring forth fruit to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, Lord of all creation,
we praise you for your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not reject us.
You came to meet us in your Son,
welcomed us as your children
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened wide his arms upon the cross
and, with love stronger than death,
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ our redeemer,
on the night before you died you came to table with your friends.
Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it
and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper
you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the true vine.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life,
come upon us now;
may this bread and wine be to us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:
with your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,
for ever praising you and saying:
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words
Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

Our Father, who art in heaven

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

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Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;

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Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

May this sharing, Lord,
in your Son's body and blood
be the washing away of our sins,
the strength of the weak,
and our protection against the dangers of the world.
May it set us free from evil
and grant us our share in the joy of your kingdom. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

God who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Laurence O'Toole

Dublin and Glendalough dioceses, 1180

14th November

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SENTENCE

Brothers and sisters, be joyful,
and keep your faith and belief,
and do the little things
which you have heard and seen with me.

St David

INTRODUCTION

St Laurence O'Toole was made abbot of the monastery in Glendalough at the age of 25. Then in 1162 he was chosen by the clergy and laity of Dublin to be their first archbishop. In the days of Strongbow, with whom St Laurence worked to restore Christ Church cathedral in stone, there were many political problems and clashing interests. St Laurence has been described as 'self-effacing and self-denying' as he prayed and worked for the settling of differences at Eu in Normandy.

O God, your name is blessed
from the rising of the sun to its setting;
fill our hearts with knowledge of yourself
and our mouths with your praise,
that from East to West all may sing your glory,
with one voice and accord,
in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

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We pray for the united diocese of Dublin and Glendalough, for the archbishop, clergy and people. We pray for the worship and witness of the cathedral of the Holy Trinity, 'Christ Church', on the hill of Dublin's city. We pray for those who work for peace and reconciliation where there is strife and conflict.

Almighty God,
in Christ Jesus you were reconciling the world to yourself
and entrusted to your church the ministry of reconciliation:
As we recall the self-effacing
and self-denying ministry of Laurence O'Toole
among the clashing interests of church and State
in Dublin in his day,
we pray that in our time your church and all its members
may be committed to the same ministry of reconciliation
of men and women to you and to one another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

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and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
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THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we honour St Laurence O'Toole
who in your loving providence enabled
your Church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.
To your children he faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.

Through a pastor's love he led your people
to share your grace and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith
and in the work of selfless charity.

On this his feast, we join with him to praise you
and in the company of angels and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
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Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Laurence O'Toole
revealed the loving service of Christ in his ministry
as a pastor of your people;
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling:
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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And the blessing of God Almighty,
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be with you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

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In the name of Christ. Amen.

St Columbanus

Abbot, Down diocese, 615

23rd November

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THE GREETING

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SENTENCE

My soul's desire is to see the face of God, and to rest in his house.

St Columba

INTRODUCTION

From Leinster, Columbanus went to Bangor where he spent many years in monastic life there with St Comgall. Then, about the year 590, he set out with 12 companions for France (Gaul). He is counted as the most important of the Irish missionaries who went out 'into voluntary exile' to evangelise the European continent. Travelling through France, Germany and Switzerland, he finally settle at Bobbio in north Italy. His ruled was a strict one and was largely superseded by the rule of St Benedict later on. Bobbio's monastery, which he founded, is famous for its library and insular (Irish style) biblical manuscripts.

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love that never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our saviour and redeemer. **Amen.** *St Columba*

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you call by name those who are yours:
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THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains of the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his

people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 96

**Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.**

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples. **℟**

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are but idols;
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his sanctuary. **℟**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him. **℟**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 15: 17-21

In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has wrought through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Holy

Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and as far round as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ, thus making it my ambition to preach the gospel, want where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation, but as it is written "They shall see who have never been told of him, and they shall understand who have never heard of him."

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THE GRADUAL

Go, make Disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
We will declare his deeds among the peoples.
We will sing and be glad and rejoice in his holy name.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 5: 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St Luke chapter 5, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennersaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he has ceased speaking he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when he had done this, they enclosed a great shoal to fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their

partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the missionary work of the church, for leaders and pioneers, for teachers and administrators. We remember all who are training for the sacred ministry of the church, their witness and their life of discipline.

Father God,
we give thanks that from Bangor you sent out
a great band of missionary pilgrims with Columbanus
to bring back the light of the gospel
where it had been extinguished in Europe:
Grant that the church, following his example,
may always accept the yoke and discipline of Christ
and in faith be obedient to his call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of our salvation,
your love for the world is without end.
May our participation in this our sacrifice of praise
renew us in our dedication to your mission.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 with extended Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has never ceased to call Disciples;
he sends them to bring salvation to the nations
by the light of the gospel.

For this work your servant Columbanus was set apart by the Spirit;
in faith and obedience he went to peoples who knew you not
and to serve you in work and prayer in his own land.
You called him to be all things to everyone
as a minister of your word,
so that in your sight the others might also become
a holy sacrifice, acceptable to you.
And so we join with all your saints
to sing of your great story
in this their joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

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They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
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For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
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of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

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Happy are those who are called to his supper.
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THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, King of Saints,
in the solemn roll call of your sons we name St Columbanus.
Mould us, who have tasted your goodness at this table,
to your perfection,
so we may come as guests
to the royal banquet of your kingdom in heaven;
where with the Father and the Son, you reign, for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

The Three Who are below you,
The Three Who are above you here,
The Three Who are above you yonder,
The Three Who are in the earth,
The Three Who are in the air,
The Three Who are in heaven,
The Three Who are in the great pouring sea
-bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Three in One and One in Three. **Amen.** *Gaelic, amended*

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

St Colman

Cloyne Diocese, 601

24th November

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you;
Under the shadow of your wings protect me

The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

INTRODUCTION

There are some hundreds of saints called Colman. The Colman who built the first church at Cloyne in Co. Cork was ordained late in life at the age of 50. He was influenced by Brendan the Navigator as he searched for his vocation. Brendan called him a column or a pillar (*columma*) of the church and also a dove.

Columba

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,
and to God the Holy Spirit
whose infinite greatness
enfolds the whole world,
in persons three and one
in essence simple and triune,
suspending the earth above the waters,
hanging the upper air with stars,
that he may be favourable to sinners
who righteously justifies all who err,
who ever-living lives.
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.

PENITENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 39: 1-9

He who devotes himself to the study of the law of the Most High will seek out the wisdom of all the ancients and will be concerned with prophecies; he will preserve the Discourse of notable men and penetrate the subtleties of parables; he will seek out the hidden meanings of proverbs and be at home with the obscurities of parables. He will serve among great men and appear before rulers; he will travel through the lands of foreign nations, for he tests the good and the evil

among men. He will set his heart to rise early to seek the Lord who made him, and will make supplication before the most high; he will open his mouth in prayer and make supplication for his sins. If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. He will direct his counsel and knowledge aright, and meditate on his secrets. He will reveal instruction in his teaching and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding, and it will never be blotted out; his memory will not Disappear, and his name will live through all generations.

or

Jeremiah 17: 7-10

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it? "I the Lord search the mind and try the heart, to give to everyone according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 34: 11-17

**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. **℟**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2: 6-13

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the spirit searches everything even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thought except the spirit of the person which is in them? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

St John 16: 12-15

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 16, beginning at verse 12.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I have yet many things to say to you but you cannot hear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the diocese of Cloyne, its bishop, clergy and people. We give thanks for those who have served in its cathedral and all its parishes, remembering among them the life of philosophical learning and virtuous living spend in the diocese for some twenty years as bishop by George Berkeley from 1734-1753.

Almighty God,
you called your bishop Colman
to be a builder of churches in Cloyne,
giving him such grace that he was known as
a pillar of the church and a man of peace:
Grant to all who search for their true vocation
constancy in their seeking
and ready obedience when they discover it;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory,
as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Blessed are you, Father,
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you made us in your own image,
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by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
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As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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 your will be done,
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Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant Colman
that he served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
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Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
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DISMISSAL

The Blessing

God who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

St Finnian of Clonard

Abbot, Meath diocese, circa 549

12th December

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

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SENTENCE

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INTRODUCTION

Renowned as one of the greatest teachers and scholars Ireland has ever had, Finnian was responsible for encouraging the growth of monasticism in Ireland. His great foundation was at Clonard close to the central political 'power' but it was as a central biblical study that it was pre-eminent. This gave rise to the title "Teacher of the Saints" being bestowed on Finnian. One of the earliest of the Irish Penitentials', that is a book suggesting ways in which Christians could seek forgiveness for their sins with programmes of self-discipline, is associated with him but there may be confusion with Finnian of Moville.

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Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

St John 16: 12-15

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St. John, chapter 16, beginning at verse 12.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I have yet many things to say to you but you cannot hear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

Pray for encouragement of learning, for the colleges and universities of Ireland. Pray for development of biblical scholarship and all that promotes prayerful study of the holy Scriptures.

Wisdom from on High,
source of all knowledge, secular and sacred:
we thank you for Finnian,
who in days of old was like the sun in the highest heavens,
sending forth rays of goodness and holy teaching to the world,
and we pray that in our day men and women may be
illuminated by what they learn from Holy Scripture
and come in penitence for renewal at your feet.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!
We do not live by bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 with Extended Preface from Stone (9th C)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and everliving God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal; incorruptible and unmoving;
invisible and faithful;
wonderful and worthy of praise;
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;
living and true; wise and powerful;
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you;
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the dominations adore;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,
the virtues and the blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation;
so grant, we pray you,
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declarations of your glory,
as we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,

giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
**The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stone (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

or

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of truth,
whose Wisdom set here table
and invited us to eat the bread and drink the wine
of the kingdom:
help us to lay aside all foolishness
and to live and walk in the way of insight,
that we may come with Finnian to the eternal feast of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
o be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

God grant you grace to be good servants of Christ Jesus,
nourished on the words of the faith
and on the sound teaching that you have followed; *cf 1 Timothy 4:6*
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

St Flannan

Killaloe diocese, 640

18th December

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

My soul's desire is to see the face of God, and to rest in his house.

St Columba

INTRODUCTION

St. Flannan's Day is also celebrated in Scotland. He was one of the many travelling Irish Saints, who embarked on long journeys, often by water as well as overland, partly as missionaries but also as pilgrims, making a spiritual 'peregrination' to witness on the way for Christ. Flannan succeeded Mo-Lua who founded Killaloe cathedral on the Shannon. St Flannan's oratory beside the Cathedral is an impressive example of early Irish architecture. Its large size and sound stone construction have been widely admired.

OPENING PRAYER

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love that never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our saviour and redeemer. **Amen.**

St Columba

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains of the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his

people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 96

**Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.**

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples. **℟**

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are but idols;
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his sanctuary. **℟**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him. **℟**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 15: 17-21

In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has wrought through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and as far round as Illyricum I have fully

preached the gospel of Christ, thus making it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation, but as it is written "They shall see who have never been told of him, and they shall understand who have never heard of him."

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Go, make Disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
We will declare his deeds among the peoples.
We will sing and be glad and rejoice in his holy name.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 5: 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St Luke chapter 5, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While the people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennersaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he has ceased speaking he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when he had done this, they enclosed a great shoal to fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their

partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the diocese of Cologne, its bishop, clergy and people. We pray for travelers, for pilgrims, and all those who witness for Christ at home and abroad.

Almighty God,
in whose service Flannan traveled by land and water
as a missionary pilgrim to witness to Christ on the way:
Help us in our pilgrimage to be ever constant to Christ
and in your mercy receive us at last into eternal rest;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of our salvation,
your love for the world is without end.
May our participation in this our sacrifice of praise
renew us in our dedication to your mission.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2 With Extended Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has never ceased to call Disciples;
he sends them to bring salvation to the nations
by the light of the gospel.

For this work your servant Flannan was set apart by the Spirit;
in faith and obedience he went to peoples who knew you not
and to serve you in work and prayer in his own land.

You called him to be all things to everyone
as a minister of your word,
so that in your sight the others might also become
a holy sacrifice, acceptable to you.
And so we join with all your saints
to sing of your great story
in this their joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

Merciful Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our Saviour Jesus Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his blood,
who on the night he was betrayed took bread
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his Disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,
we do as our Saviour has commanded:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and we look for his coming
to fulfil all things according to your will.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;

in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;

The cup which we bless is the blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia

for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

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you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, King of Saints,
in the solemn roll call of your sons we name St Flannan.
Mould us, who have tasted your goodness at this table,
to your perfection,
so we may come as guests
to the royal banquet of your kingdom in heaven;
where with the Father and the Son, you reign, for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

May the Three Who are over you,
The Three Who are below you,
The Three Who are above you here,
The Three Who are above you yonder,
The Three Who are in the earth,
The Three Who are in the air,
The Three Who are in heaven,
The Three Who are in the great pouring sea
-bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Three in One and One in Three. **Amen.**

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