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HYMN 647 *v1 sung by St Nicholas’ Parish Choir*

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**THE GREETING**

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

**and also with you.**

**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

[Let us pray]

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. *Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

**CONFESSION**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace:

*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.**

*Mr David Murphy, Parish Reader*

**THE COLLECT of the 19th Sunday after Trinity**

O God,  
without you we are not able to please you;  
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING** Exodus 33: 12-23

*Ms Eileen McClean Ardee*

The lesson is from the Book Exodus, in the 33rd chapter, beginning at the 12the verse.

12 Moses said to the Lord, ‘See, you have said to me, “Bring up this people”; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, “I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.” 13Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.’

*Ms Diane Wilson Creggan*

14He said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’ 15And he said to him, ‘If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. 16For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.’

*Ms Sandra Campbell Ballymascanlon*

17 The Lord said to Moses, ‘I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.’ 18Moses said, ‘Show me your glory, I pray.’ 19And he said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, “The Lord”;[\*](javascript:void(0);) and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20But’, he said, ‘you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.’

*Ms Emma Hoey Dunleer*

21And the Lord continued, ‘See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; 22and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; 23then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 99

## *Lady Bellew and Lord Bellew, Diocesan Reader*

1  The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble; ♦︎  
   he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.  
2  The Lord is great in Zion ♦︎  
   and high above all peoples.  
3  Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome; ♦︎  
   the Lord our God is holy.  
4  Mighty king, who loves justice,  
      you have established equity; ♦︎  
   you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.  
5  Exalt the Lord our God; ♦︎  
   bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.  
6  Moses and Aaron among his priests  
      and Samuel among those who call upon his name; ♦︎  
   they called upon the Lord and he answered them.  
7  He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; ♦︎  
   they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.  
8  You answered them, O Lord our God; ♦︎  
   you were a God who forgave them  
      and pardoned them for their offences.  
9  Exalt the Lord our God  
      and worship him upon his holy hill, ♦︎  
   for the Lord our God is holy.

## THE EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

## *Ms Hazel Spearman Drogheda*

## The Epistle is from the first epistle to the Thessalonians, in the first chapter, beginning at the first verse.

## Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Ms Sharon Eveson Dundalk*

4For we know, brothers and sisters[\*](javascript:void(0);) beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. 6And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

*Dr John Rountree Collon*

8For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9For the people of those regions[\*](javascript:void(0);) report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 6 *v1 sung by the Drogheda Group*

**THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 22: 15 - 22**

*Joyce and Richard*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Matthew, in the 22nd chapter, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the coin used for the tax.’

And they brought him a denarius. 20Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ 21They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ 22When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON**

*The Rev'd Iain Jamieson Rector of Drogheda, Ardee and Collon, and Kilsaran Union*

**THE NICENE CREED** *Joyce and Richard*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** PROPER 24 YEAR A

*Ms Jean O'Kelly, Castlebellingham*

For peace and harmony in the Church and in the world let us pray to the Lord.

Grant that the Church shall always bear witness to God as supreme, rendering the honour and worship that are his due. May all people show forth the love of God by their words and by their deeds.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*Ms Heather Christmas, Bush*

Bless in this community all who care for the poor and the helpless, find shelter for the homeless and minister to the sick. Make us more grateful for all that we have received and more willing to share it with others.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on all who suffer: the anxious ones fearing the future, the lonely ones wishing for the past, the sick whose lives are weary with long suffering. Lay your healing hand upon them, make them aware of your presence, give them and all who care for them, light and peace.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*Ms Julie Wilson Heynestown*

In this time of pandemic, we pray for all who are affected by COVID-19: those who are ill and all who care for them; those whose livelihoods are at risk; our leaders with the responsibility for making difficult decisions. Grant that each one may act so that all are kept safe.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the memory of those whom we loved and now see no more. Help us to live as people who believe in the resurrection to eternal life, so that all may share in the joys of your eternal kingdom.

*Joyce and Richard*

**Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Richard*

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

HYMN 105 *v1* *sung by the choir of St Nicholas’, Dundalk*

**AT 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**

*Stand. The Presiding Minister takes the bread and wine and may say*

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us

**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1** (*page 209)*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**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.** *(sung by the choir of St Nicholas)*

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, 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**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**AGNUS DEI**

*Mr**Victor Whyte, Parish Reader*

**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.**

**THE COMMUNION**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

HYMN during COMMUNION 329 *v1 (Joyce)*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

**THE GREAT SILENCE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Ms Rita Arthur, Parish Reader*

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Richard and Joyce*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**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.**

*Richard*

**THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

*HYMN 373 v1*

**DISMISSAL**

*Joyce*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

MUSIC

647 Guide me O thou great Jehovah *St Nicholas’ Parish Choir*

6 Immortal, invisible *Drogheda Group*

Gospel responses *St Nicholas’ Parish Choir*

105 O, the deep deep love *St Nicholas’ Parish Choir*

Sanctus, Schubert *St Nicholas’ Parish Choir*

329 Father again *Drogheda Group*

373 To God be the glory *Drogheda Group*

Slane *(on flugelhorn)*  *Ms* *Gillian Sheils*

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