



The Souls of the righteous are in the hand of God

The Eve of All Saints Day, 31st October 2021



In Memoriam

Violet Despard

Kenneth Brislane

Terry Cusack

Baz Irwin

Mary O'Sullivan

Sadie Williams

Alan Condell



A message from the Dean

On behalf of the chapter and parish I welcome you to Limerick City Parish. You are very welcome, whether you are visiting for the first time or for the 1000th time! We share in worship which has been offered here for over 850 years.

We hope this service booklet is easy to follow and that in the worship you will really know that God is close to you. Please say the words printed in bold text as your response during the worship. At times you are invited to stand, sit or kneel. These are helpful ways to engage in the service, but please be comfortable and don't worry if you need to do something different! Some parts of the service are louder and some quieter, as you will notice.

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of see the backs of others heads. Quietly explain the parts of the services and actions of the clergy, wardens, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray and join in the responses. Children learn liturgical behaviour by copying you.

The numbers in brackets denotes pages in the Children's Communion Book (available at the church door) and activity packs for children are also available. Feel free to use the space across at the back of the cathedral if your children become restless; please stay with your children in this area for their safety.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me". Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church of God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

To the adults

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents 😊

Finally, if you need any assistance during service, please speak to one of the Churchwardens by the church doors.

The Very Rev'd Niall J. Sloane,
Dean.

Devotional Prayers

Before Service

O Lord, open our Lips, that our mouths may proclaim your praise, and purify our hearts that we may worthily magnify your glorious Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord God You are here, may we come to You with a mixture of humility and joy.
May we feel Your nearness and learn from You. Amen.

Lord, it is not easy to be humble; but in this service we ask for humility, so that it is You who may be seen by each person here. May Your will be done. Amen.

Before a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Cleanse us, O Lord, and keep us undefiled, that we may be numbered among those blessed ones, who, having washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, stand before your throne, and serve you day and night in Your Temple. Amen.

Father in heaven, you have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Fulfill this longing through Jesus, the bread of life, so that we may witness to him who alone satisfies the hungers of the human family.

By the power of your Spirit lead us to the heavenly table where we may feast on the vision of your glory forever and ever. Amen.

After Celebration

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of your Passion: grant, we implore you, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, as always to be conscious of the fruit of your Redemption.
You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

After Service

Grant, O Lord, that what we have sung with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and may always steadfastly fulfil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Order of Service



Music before the service

Erbam dich mein, o Herre Gott

J.S. Bach

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE [3]

Opening Hymn

Welcome ~ The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and they are at peace

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

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

The Confession is introduced with appropriate words, such as:

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.

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution

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.

The Collect of the Day [6]

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 [7]

The Old Testament Reading ~ Wisdom 3: 1-9

Sit

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

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

The Psalm ~ 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ◆ the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas ◆ and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ◆ or who can rise up in his holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ◆ who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ◆ a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

Such is the company of those who seek him, ◆ of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;

be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ◆ and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is the King of glory?' ◆ 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ◆ and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is this King of glory?' ◆ 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

The Epistle ~ Revelation 21: 1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

Gradual Anthem/Hymn

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John chapter 11 beginning at verse 32

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon ~ The Curate-Assistant

Sit

The Nicene Creed [8]

Stand

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [10]

Response: Lord in your love and mercy, **hear our prayer**

Kneel /Sit

The Lord's Prayer

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

The 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.

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE [12]

The Offertory Hymn

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

The Great Thanksgiving [14]

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: In the saints you have given us an example of godly living, that, rejoicing in their fellowship we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and with them receive the unfading crown of glory: 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!

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 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.

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 Great Silence

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE [23]

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: May we, who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth, be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; 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.

Thanksgiving Hymn

The Blessing

God give you grace to share the inheritance of all his saints in glory and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

THE ORGAN SHALL SOUND

Service Notes

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THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 31 st	10.00am	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15am	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	4.00pm	Bishop's retirement service	CSTV
Monday 1 st	10.30am	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 2 nd	10.30am	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 3 rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 4 th	10.30am	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 5 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 6 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 7 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	11.15am	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

Upcoming events: Some dates for your diary

- Sunday 31st October at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral: *Farewell service for the Bishop.*
Please note that due to recent announcements and HSE guidance, we regret that this service is by invitation only and is now at capacity. It will be available to watch through the Cathedral livestream (details below).
- November Lunchtime concerts – please see attached poster

From the Dean – Remembrance: I am conscious that November heralds a more reflective time in the Church's year. As part of our liturgies on Sunday 31st October (the eve of All Saints) we will have an opportunity to remember those parishioners and loved ones who have passed away. As we remember them may we give thanks for their faith, love and example.

Wanted for the Cathedral: The Dean is looking for the following items for the Cathedral – can you help?

- An electric cash register (new or second hand)
- 2 matching (43inch) TV screens (preferably new)
- 1 x 3 pin hand held microphone (new or second hand)

Saint Michael's Committee Meeting: A zoom meeting will be held on Monday 8th November at 8pm. Please email limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com for the link.

The Commission on Ministry's Advent Retreat: This year entitled "One Step Too Far Away – One Breath Too Near" is open to all and is free of charge. It takes place on Zoom on the morning of 20 November and will be led by Rev Ruth Patterson, Director of Restoration Ministries, a non-denominational, Christian organisation committed to peace and reconciliation. The retreat provides a space for quiet reflection and rest at a busy and stressful time of year. For further information and bookings, please contact Dr Catherine Smith at catherine.smith@rcbdub.org and please share the information with anyone who might be interested: www.ireland.anglican.org/news/10924/one-step-too-far-away

Livestreaming: Log onto www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys Services will be on air at 11.15 a.m. on Sundays and 10.30 a.m. on Thursdays.

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time, among them: Martin Bennis, Bernard Parsons, Mark Parsons, Eileen Nelson, Emily Groves, Jack Hennessy, Gerry Browne, Lennon Howes, Patricia Deegan, Gladys Blackledge, Phylliss Gale, Fredrick Pragnall and Annie Maria Battle.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Cashel & Ossory and Bishop Michael Burrows. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria. *Diocese:* The Episcopal Nominators and members of the Diocesan Synod and Diocesan Councils of the United Dioceses of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe.

Prayers for the Sick

Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Rose McNamara, Andrew Prior, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Harold Armstrong, Lorraine McCarthy, John Nix, Archie Brown, Sylvia Martin, Emily, Moira Lowry, Mac, Mike, Betty, Alan Kennedy, Mary Garvin, Jackie Grace, Zandra, Richard Brickenden, Kathleen Quinn, Brian Molloy, Miguel Faro and Madison Stanley.

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