

Holy Trinity Church, Killiney

3rd Sunday before Advent, 7th Nov

8.30am: Holy Communion, Rite 2

10.45am: Family Service (no Prayer Book required)



HYMN: 325 BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

WELCOME:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all: **and also with you.**

There is one body and one Spirit: **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism: **One God and Father of all.**

PENITENCE

We ask God's mercy and pardon in our lives. We pause to remember the things we have done wrong.....

Lord Jesus, we have done wrong in our lives

Lord have mercy; **Lord have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you are kind and loving to all who call on you.

Christ have mercy; **Christ have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you are the sign of the Father's eternal love.

Lord have mercy; **Lord have mercy**

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah says: Get ready for God! The reading comes from the book of a wise man called Isaiah.

A long, long time ago, Isaiah said, Can you hear the voice of God? Listen to what he is saying. ' Make a straight road for him to walk along. Fill in the valleys, and flatten the hills.' Then you will see God. Everyone will see him, for God has said so himself!

This is the word of the Lord...

PSALM:99;1-9

R:We thank you Lord, we praise you, for you are good and loving.

Let everyone be happy. Let everyone be glad.

Let everyone be full of joy and sing to the Lord our God. **Response:**

We know the Lord is God. He gives us life and breath,

for we are his own family, and we belong to him. **Response:**

SECOND READING: St Philip teaches a foreigner about Jesus and baptises him. The reading comes from the story of the apostles. One of the followers of Jesus was called Philip. One day Philip went out for a walk along the desert road near Jerusalem. As he was walking, an important man went past in a chariot. He was from Ethiopia and was on his way home. As he went along he was reading the Bible and Philip said, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' 'How can I by myself?' said the man, 'Come up here and sit beside me and explain it all. So Philip did, and he went on to explain what Jesus had done. After a while they came to some water, and the man said, 'Is there any reason why I shouldn't be baptised here and now?' and Philip said, 'No.' So they stopped the chariot and got down, and Philip baptised the man at once. This is the word of the Lord...

HYMN 596 SEEK YE FIRST

GOSPEL: Except for Jesus himself, there was never anyone greater than John the Baptist. John the Baptist lived down by the river Jordan. He didn't wear expensive clothes, and he didn't eat very much, but lots of people came to see him. He used to say,— stop doing wrong, God is going to send you a King. Then everyone would tell God they were sorry for doing wrong, and John would pour water over them in the river, and make them clean. This is the word of the Lord...

SERMON

THE PRESENTATION

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing for baptism and answer on their behalf? By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage them in the life and faith of the Christian Community? **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism these children begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church? **With the help of God, we will.**

THE DECISION In baptism, God calls us from darkness to his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask: Do you turn to Christ? **I do.**

Do you renounce the devil and all his works? **I do by God's help.**

Will you obey and serve Christ? **I will by God's help.**

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers

We will support them.

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross. Live as a disciple of Christ, fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Praise God who made heaven and earth. **Who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your Kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called N to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptized in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which you are (... is) to be baptized? **I do.**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

...., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

HYMN: 611 CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

INTERCESSIONS:

God our Father, we bring you our prayers for the Church and for the world.

God our Father, we pray for all those who will be baptised today, that they may follow Christ and build up your kingdom on earth. Lord, in your mercy.....

God our Father, we pray for peace in the world, for all victims of violence, and all refugees and homeless..... Lord, in your mercy.....

God our Father, help all of us here to live as your children, in school, in the workplace, in our homes. Lord, in your mercy.....

In silence we make our own prayers..... Lord, in your mercy.....

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

THE PEACE

BLESSING

HYMN 260 CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING

