

Sending out

May we find heaven in the wildness of creation;
may we seek justice in bread for the world;
may we know resurrection in the sunsets of autumn; and may we find God in
the sharing of it all.

Amen.

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You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments after this service.  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Meeting in Nohoval Church on the 28th September at 8pm

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 4th October at 7:15pm in the Maryborough Hotel, Maryborough Hill, Douglas, T12 XR12. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service.

For more info call 01 4045378

Mission to Seafarers and Seamans Christian Friend Society Collecting continues. We as a parish continue to support by providing personal gift bags containing practical items of need. We are asking in particular this month for deodorants as well as some **feminine items & products** for the summer. If you would like to contribute items like shower gel & shampoo (ideally 250ml bottles as these fit perfectly in the large zip lock bags), soap, heavy socks, warm hats, razors, snack bars, writing pads etc to crew working on ships. The idea is to reach one ship's crew per month. Many thanks for your continued support.

St. Mary's Church, Carrigaline Celebrating 200 All events available to view on dedicated website www.stmarys200.com



A Celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving

24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CROSSHAVEN
NOHOVAL PARISH CHURCH



The Gathering of God's People

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

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

All stand to sing the hymn

Hymn 37 Come ye thankful people come

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest-home.

2. All the world is God's own field;
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest-home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

Henry Alford (1810-71)

Children will bring up their gifts for Penny Dinners during the hymn...

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.**

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**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.**

HYMN 47 We plough the fields

1. We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is feed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

2. He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are feed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

3. We thank you, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
and that which you most welcome,
our humble, thankful hearts.

*Words: Matthias Claudius, 1782;
trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell, 1861*

**rising, you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.**

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

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 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.

The Giving of the Bread and Wine

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.

God, our Father in heaven, who created us and sustains our life,
accept these harvest gifts as a sign of our appreciation
for your unfailing love. May they bring blessing
to the people who receive them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Invitation to Confession

God's whole creation groans. The land produces thorns and thistles and is ready
for burning. Our sin affects all around us. We confess our sin in penitence and
faith.

Confession

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when
we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted
ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but
sometimes forget that you have
given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and
satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for
the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if
there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us. Amen.

THE PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 16.2–15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.³ The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.'⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.'⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt,⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?'⁸ And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him – what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.'⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining."'¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said,¹² 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."'¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'

SECOND READING

Philippians 1.21–30

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer.²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us celebrate the feast

The Great Thanksgiving

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, 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 sit and eat 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 a 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 and 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 for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

dying, you destroyed our death,

That we may be forgiven our sins and failures;
in faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.

That we may hear and respond to your call to
peace and justice;
in faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.

That you will sustain the faith and hope
of those who are lonely, oppressed and anxious;
in faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.

That you will strengthen us in your service,
and fill our hearts with longing for your
kingdom;
in faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.

God of mercy:
**you know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship
of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their
season: grant that we may use them to your
glory, for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being; through Jesus
Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am con-
vinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your pro-
gress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in
Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy
of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and
hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving
side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimi-
dated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but
of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you
the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – ³⁰
since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I
still have.

HYMN 50 Think of a world without any flowers

Think of a world without any flowers,
Think of a world without any trees,
Think of a sky without any sunshine,
Think of the air without any breeze.
We thank You, Lord,
for flowers and trees and sunshine,
We thank You, Lord,
and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any people,
Think of a street with no-one living
there,
Think of a town without any houses,
No-one to love and nobody to care.
We thank You, Lord
for families and friendships,
We thank You, Lord,
and praise Your holy name.

Doreen Newport (b. 1927)

Think of a world without any animals,
Think of a field without any herd,
Think of a stream without any fishes,
Think of a dawn without any bird.
We thank You, Lord,
for all Your living creatures,
We thank You, Lord
and praise Your holy name.

COLLECT

THE PEACE

GOSPEL

Matthew 20.1–16

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹ 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went
out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the
labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went

out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?" ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

THE SERMON

Rev Bruce Pierce

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe that creation is a gift of God,
an expression of our Creator's goodness.**

**We believe that as human beings
we are part of this creation and
that we share in the creative power of God.**

**We believe that the resources of our land
and air are precious gifts
from our Creator to be used with loving care.**

**We believe there is a rhythm to God's creation.
Like a drum beat: when we lose the beat,
or the drum is damaged, the music is out of tune.**

HYMN 25 All things bright and beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

2. The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

3. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

4. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Frances Alexander, 1848

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe!

Your word brings on the dawn of the Day.

Your wisdom creates both day and night.

You determine the cycles of time.

You arrange the succession of seasons
and establish the stars in their heavenly courses.

Lord of the starry hosts is your name.

Living and eternal God, rule over us always.

**Blessed be the Lord, whose word makes light
to shine in the darkness.**

PRAYERS

Response: in faith we pray: **we pray to you our God.**

That the rest of this day may be holy, peaceful
and full of your presence;
in faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.

That our work and the people we meet may
bring us closer to you;
in faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.