# Next Sunday: Morning Prayer Announcements

<u>Holy Trinity Church</u> is open for private prayer each Sunday 11am-12noon—feel free to drop in at any time during the hour, its come and spend a few moments as you feel led.

All HSE and Safely guidelines and protocols are in place and adhered to.

<u>Alpha Course</u> The Alpha Course continues on Wednesday evenings at 8p.m. on Zoom.. Anyone is welcome to join in. Contact Rev Isobel for the link. These are the topics we are thinking about in the coming weeks.

What about the Church?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit?

How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?

Marriage Course A new marriage course is starting in Spring it is for any couple who wants to invest and enrich their relationship – whether you've been together 1 year or 61 years – whether you're in a great place right now, or are facing struggles. The course is usually held around a romantic meal weekly over 6 weeks. We may begin on Zoom, but hopefully we will be able to get those social nights out too.

Contact Rev. Isobel to book a place on the course.

Confirmation Classes Begin February 7th on Zoom.

**Diocesan magazines** subs for 2021 are now due.

<u>Online Service</u>: There will be a recording of the service D.V. at www. templebreedy.cork.anglican.org or on your WhatsApp. Contact Revd. Isobel to add you to the Phone list.

**POSTAL SERVICE SHEET available**— Contact Revd. Isobel to add you to the POSTAL list.

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## Morning Prayer

The Third Sunday after The Epiphany

Nohoval Church & Holy Trinity Church 24th January 2021





#### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## Greeting

The Lord be with you and also with you.

## A gathering prayer

Loving Lord, thank you that you meet us where we are, in the middle and muddle of our daily tasks.

Help us to hear your call, to recognise your voice, and to respond to your invitation to be with you now. **Amen.** 

## Prayer of Approach

The Lord called the disciples to be fishers of men. He calls us to follow him, to trust in, rely on and have confidence in him. Come, let us cast our nets into his waters and offer ourselves in worship and praise. **Amen.** 

## Opening Hymn 314 There's a spirit in the air

1.God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word; each from age to age proclaiming God the one, the righteous Lord! In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor still holds fast, God is King his throne eternal, God the first and God the last.

2.God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ the everlasting Son, brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father, ever one: spoken by the Word incarnate, Life, before all time began, 5.Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

John Bell and Graham Maule.

## Going Out as God's People

The Lord be with you; and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord; thanks be to God.

Loving Lord, thank you that you meet us where we are, in the middle and muddle of our daily lives. Help us to hear your call, to recognise your voice, and to respond to your invitation to follow you whatever we might be doing. **Amen.** 

## Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

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## The Lord's Prayer

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## **Morning Collect**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day: Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, and in all things guide us to know and do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Intercessions

## Closing Hymn 605 Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around through my sight and touch and sound

Light of light, to Earth descending, God, revealed as Son of man.

3.God is speaking by his Spirit speaking to the hearts again; in the age-long Word expounding God's own message, now as then. Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith is standing fast: God abides, his Word unchanging, God the first and God the last.

George W. Biggs (1875-1959)

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

## A Prayer of Confession

Lord, just like Jonah, fear can prevent us from spreading your 'good news', or from responding to your call to do something different.

Fear of being unpopular. Fear of being inadequate. Fear of having to give up possessions. Fear of losing people we love. Fear of losing friendships. Fear of hard life changes. Fear of becoming different.

We are sorry, Lord, for giving in to our fears. We're sorry for allowing social or family pressures to influence our decisions. Help us to respond to your call without hesitation.

Help us to learn on you. Help us to trust in you. Help us to learn from you. Help us to follow you. Help us to spread the good news. We ask in your powerful name. Amen.

## Assurance of forgiveness

Jesus, you came proclaiming the good news of God, and endured the cross through love for us.

Through your sacrifice, we are forgiven.

May we share this good news so that others will know your loving freedom in their lives. Amen.

#### The Proclamation of the Word

## First Reading~ Jonah 3.1–5, 10

A reading from the book of Jonah. 1 The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying, 2 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' 3 So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. 10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

## **Second Reading**~ Mark 1:14–20

A reading from St Mark's Gospel
14 After John was arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,
15 and saying,

'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee,

he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen.

17 And Jesus said to them,

'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'

18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

19 As he went a little farther,

he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John,

who were in their boat mending the nets.

20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

#### The Sermon

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you, and also with you.

## Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.