

## Next Sunday: Morning Prayer

### Announcements/Notices

#### Lockdown Date Night – Templebreedy’s Online Marriage Course

Beginning in March: Set aside an hour and a half, grab a glass of wine and some nibbles and join us on Zoom. Everyone Welcome!

Holy Trinity Church 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.

Women’s World Day of Prayer . TODAY on RTE at 11am.

Confirmation Class at 3p.m. on Zoom.

Lenten Course on Wednesdays through March on Zoom at 8pm. Material from Tearfund, looking at big issues in our World.

Revision of Vestry Members Annually people are invited to become members of the church. You can do this at the meeting or by contacting Rev. Isobel beforehand. The Meeting will be on Zoom. Everyone is very welcome to join this gathering. Contact Rev Isobel for the Zoom Link.

**Holy Trinity 2nd March 8pm——Nohoval 2nd March 8.30pm**

Holy Trinity Select Vestry Meeting on Thursday 18th March 8pm on Zoom Video Link.

Holy Trinity Easter General Vestry Meeting [AGM] on Tuesday 13th April 8pm on Zoom Video Link. OPEN MEETING— Everyone is very welcome to JOIN in. Contact Rev Isobel for the Zoom Link.

Nohoval Select Vestry Meeting on 11th March 8pm TO BE CONFIRMED on Zoom Video Link.

Nohoval Easter General Vestry Meeting [AGM] on Thursday 15th April 8pm on Zoom. OPEN MEETING— Everyone is very welcome to JOIN in. Contact Rev Isobel for the Zoom Link.

POSTAL SERVICE SHEET available– Contact Revd. Isobel to add you to the POSTAL list. Tel. 4831236/087 7435424

## Morning Prayer

### *The Second Sunday in Lent*



**Nohoval Church**

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**Holy Trinity Church**

28th February 2021

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Greeting

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

### Call to worship

Jesus said, 'Those who would come after me, must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' Lead us, Lord Jesus. Help us to follow you. You denied yourself. Help us to follow you. You took up the cross. Help us to follow you.

### A prayer of approach and commitment

God of covenant and cross, you come alongside us and call us to follow, to lay down all that belongs in the past, all possessions, practices and prejudices, so that we might lay hold of all that you promise. God of covenant and cross, you come alongside us and call us to follow, to take up our cross of our own free will, to carry it to the end that only you know, so that we might lay hold of all that you promise. **Amen.**

### Opening Hymn 484 Lift high the cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where the captain trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:
2. Each newborn soldier of the crucified  
Is signed with the cross, the seal of him who died;
3. This is the sign which Satan's armies fear  
and angels veil their faces to revere:
4. Saved by this cross on which their Lord was slain,  
see Adam's children their lost home regain:

To be found in you and known as yours  
To possess by faith what I could not earn  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness  
My Jesus I love thee I know that Thou art mine If ever,  
I love thee My Jesus 'tis now

3 Oh, to know the power of your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings  
To become like you in your death, my Lord  
So with you to live and never die

You're my all, you're the best You're my joy, my righteousness And I  
love you, Lord I love you...

### Going Out as God's People

The Lord be with you;  
**and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord;  
**thanks be to God.**

### A covenant blessing

May the love of the covenant maker, be known to us this day.  
May the promise of the new covenant, be claimed by us today.  
May the assurance of a covenant relationship, bring hope and peace to  
our days. May the Lord of the new covenant, bless us richly this day.

**Send us out with your blessing to be a blessing to others.**  
**Send us out named as children of God to name others as children**  
**of God.**  
**Send us out to walk in your footsteps so that others too may walk**  
**the way of the cross Amen.**

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## The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

## The Lord's Prayer

### The Collect of the Word

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth that they may return to the way of righteousness: Grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **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.**

### The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**Let us live in the Spirit of Christ** for one another and for our world.

### Closing Hymn All I once held dear

1 All I once held dear, built my life upon  
All this world reveres, and wars to own  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

*Knowing you, Jesus Knowing you, there is no greater thing  
You're my all, you're the best  
You're my joy, my righteousness  
And I love you, Lord*

2 Now my heart's desire is to know you more

5. From north and south, from east and west they raise  
in growing unison their songs of praise:

6. Let every race and every language tell  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell!

7. Lord Christ, once lifted on Calvary's tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee:

8. Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

*George W. Kitchin (1827-1912)*

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.

### Words of Confession

**Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through  
weakness, through our own deliberate fault;  
by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in  
newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

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.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading~ Romans 4.13–25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

13 The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,

17 as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’) – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations,’ according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’

19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.

20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

22 Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’

23 Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him,’ were written not for his sake alone,

24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### Second Reading~ Mark 8:31–38

A reading from St Mark’s Gospel

31 Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan!

For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,

‘If any want to become my followers,

let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

## The Sermon

### The Apostles’ Creed

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