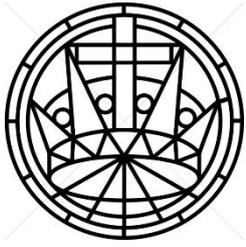


CHRIST CHURCH, BRAY

Family Service



The Kingship of Christ
11am Sunday, 22nd November 2020

Available to join live or download later at churchservices.tv/christchurchbray

The Bells of Christ Church Bray

Musical Prelude

The Gathering of God's People

A throne for Christ the King,
Or a pavement
with the lonely and homeless.

A court for our God,
Or a food queue with the down-and-outs.

A crown for our Saviour,
Or a twist of thorns shaped in mockery.

A robe for our Lord,
Or a blanket wound round

A quiet doorway sleeper.
A banquet for our Redeemer,
Or a broken loaf, shared at a broken table
in a broken world.

A jewelled goblet for the use of Christ,
or a bowl of water
for Christ to wash the feet of others.

It is a dull glory,
a tarnished grandeur,
but it is the reign of grace.

This is our God.

Hymn 219

1From heav'n you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

2There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours', he said.

3Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

4So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

The Collect of the Day

**Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Penitence

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created the world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love ; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Reading: Judges 6: 25-40

25 That night the LORD said to him, 'Take your father's bull, the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that belongs to your father, and cut down the sacred pole* that is beside it; ²⁶and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of the stronghold here, in proper order; then take the second bull, and offer it as a burnt-offering with the wood of the sacred pole* that you shall cut down.' ²⁷So Gideon took ten of his servants, and did as the LORD had told him; but because he was too afraid of his family and the townspeople to do it by day, he did it by night.

28 When the townspeople rose early in the morning, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the sacred pole* beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar that had been built. ²⁹So they said to one another, 'Who has done this?' After searching and inquiring, they were told, 'Gideon son of Joash did it.' ³⁰Then the townspeople said to Joash, 'Bring out your son, so that he may die, for he has pulled down the altar of Baal and cut down the sacred pole* beside it.' ³¹But Joash said to all who were arrayed against him, 'Will you contend for Baal? Or will you defend his cause? Whoever contends for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because his altar has been pulled down.' ³²Therefore on that day Gideon* was called Jerubbaal, that is to say, 'Let Baal contend against him', because he pulled down his altar.

33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the east came together, and crossing the Jordan they encamped in the Valley of Jezreel. ³⁴But the spirit of the LORD took possession of Gideon; and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him. ³⁵He sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and they too were called out to follow him. He also sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them.

36 Then Gideon said to God, 'In order to see whether you will deliver Israel by my hand, as you have said, ³⁷I am going to lay a fleece of wool on the threshing-floor; if there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will deliver Israel by my hand, as you have said.' ³⁸And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water. ³⁹Then Gideon said to God, 'Do not let your anger burn against me, let me speak one more time; let me, please, make trial with the fleece just once more; let it be dry only on the fleece, and on all the ground let there be dew.' ⁴⁰And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Collect of the Word

Eternal God, merciful Father,
you have appointed your Son
as judge of the living and the dead.

Enable us to wait for the day of his return
with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared
for your own from the foundation of the world;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Hymn 112

1. There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

3. When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

Melody Green
based on Isaiah 47: 4; Acts 1: 8;
Philippians 2: 9; Revelation 22: 3-4

Talk

Theme: God Saves His People.
The Kingship of Christ

The Response to God's Word

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

Loving God, by Your Spirit
Bring in Your Kingdom

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

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

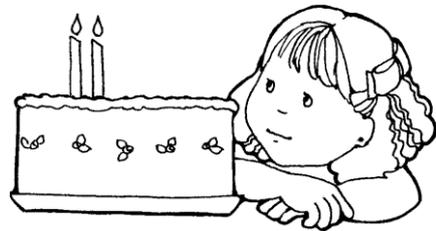
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

Happy Birthdays



...Happy Birthday to you

Going Out as God's People

The Blessing

May we go forth to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;

May we be always willing to teach, baptise and nurture new believers;

May we in our daily lives respond to human need by loving service;

May we have the courage to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation

May we join together to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

And the blessing of God, who creates, redeems and sustains us, be with us always as we share in God's mission to the world. **Amen**

Based on the five marks of mission

The Dismissal

Our service of worship has ended, our worship through service continues.

Thanks be to God

Hymn 366

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King!

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;

praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:

Praise him! Praise him,

Praise him! Praise him!

glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;

in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him! Praise him,

Praise him! Praise him!

widely as his mercy flows!

4. Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;

sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise with us the God of grace.

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)
based on Psalm 103*

Musical postlude

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Some prayers adapted from Church of Scotland/Spill the Beans

Sunday 29th November, Advent Sunday

11am Holy Communion

2.15pm 'An Advent Reflection' RTÉ News Channel

Monday 30th November

7pm Classics by Candlelight with the Harte family

Until further notice all services are available to view online only (livestream or watch a recording later) at www.churchservices.tv/christchurchbray

Announcements

Lighten Our Darkness.

The ADVENTure unfolds from Sunday 29th November.

Have you ever wondered how the angels experienced the first Christmas? This year for Advent we are using character silhouettes, the floodlit Church as a story board, and the designated Facebook page to tell the story of the birth of Jesus.

In Touch

The December/January edition of In Touch will be available next weekend. Please send any items for inclusion in In Touch to Intouchbray@gmail.com by Wednesday 25th November



Classics by Candlelight
with the Harte Family

Monday 30th November 2020 - 7pm
Concert in Aid of Purple House

Join Us Online
churchservices.tv/christchurchbray



Donations to **Purple House** at
bit.ly/ccbclassics



Christmas Trees

HO! HO! HO!

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE NOW..... all proceeds as usual to charities which more than ever need our support now due to COVID, they really are suffering... If you do not wish to buy a tree could you please make a donation as this will be very helpful to the charites

Orders taken NOW

- (1) From Parish Office (01) 2862968 or email christchurchbray@gmail.com
- (2) Order by email to wilkinsecure@hotmail.com
- (3) Order by phone George (087) 2543113 or office (01) 2868377

Collection from Christchurch Bray on Saturday 5th December 10am-12noon

All trees are NON-SHREDDERS, very keen prices, we are holding last years prices!!!!, on behalf of all the charities we thank you for your support.

4ft, 6ft, 8ft, 10ft, 14ft

Prices:

4ft	-	€35.00
6ft	-	€40.00
8ft	-	€45.00
10ft	-	€55.00
14ft	-	€65.00

Thankyou for helping!!!!

Just to cheer everyone up for the festive season everyone who orders a tree this year, their name will be entered into a draw for a bumper Christmas Hamper and the draw will take place on Saturday 12th December

Rev. Baden Stanley 087 948 4407 (day off Tuesday)

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