

# CHRIST CHURCH, BRAY



## Morning Prayer

### The First Sunday of Lent

11am Sunday 21st February 2021

(live stream [www.christchurchbray.ie](http://www.christchurchbray.ie))

**The Bells** of Christ Church Bray

Musical Prelude – Jonathan Stanley

### *The Gathering of God's People*

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

#### **Hymn 595**

Safe in the Shadow of the Lord  
Safe in the shadow of the Lord  
beneath his hand and power,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
my fortress and my tower.

2 My hope is set on God alone  
though Satan spreads his snare,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
to keep me in his care.

3 From fears and phantoms of the night,  
from foes about my way,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
by darkness as by day.

4 His holy angels keep my feet  
secure from every stone;  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
and unafraid go on.

5 Strong in the Everlasting Name,  
and in my Father's care,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
who hears and answers prayer.

6 Safe in the shadow of the Lord,  
possessed by love divine,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
and meet his love with mine.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)*  
based on Psalm 91

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
**O my God, in You I trust.**

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**Teach me Your paths.**

Lead me in Your paths and teach me.  
**For You are the God of my salvation;**  
**for You I wait all day long.**

O Lord, open our lips,  
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the Lord.  
**All praise to his name.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Penitence***

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**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.**

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.**

### ***Proclaiming and Receiving the Word***

#### **1 Peter 3: 18-22**

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for\* a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

#### **Psalm 25: 1-9**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust;

**let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies triumph over me.**

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame,  
**but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.**

3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord,  
**and teach me your paths.**

- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
**for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you have I hoped all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
**for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth  
or my transgressions,  
**but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
**therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.**
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right  
**and teach his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth  
**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

### **Mark 1: 9-15**

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

### ***Collect of the Word***

Holy God,  
heavenly Father,  
in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen,  
and in the wilderness of temptation  
you protected your Son from sin.  
Renew us in the gift of baptism.  
May your holy angels be with us,  
that the wicked foe may have no power over us,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Hymn 17

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou Lord, thou, Lord, only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.

*Psalm 5:8 and 4:8*

### Irish Version

*Treoraigh mé, treoraigh mé, a Thiarna,  
go siúlaid ar bhóthar firéantachta Dé:  
foilsigh an tslí romham, óir níl ann, a Thiarna,  
ach tusa amháin a choimeádann slán mé.*

*Tr. Eibhlín Nic Phairais*

## Sermon

### ***The Response to God's Word***

Let us declare our faith together in the words of 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.**

## ***The Prayers of the People***

Lord, meet us in the silence.

**Give us strength and hear our prayer.**

### **Collect of the Day**

**Almighty God,**

**whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:**

**Give us grace to discipline ourselves**

**in obedience to your Spirit;**

**and, as you know our weakness,**

**so may we know your power to save;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **Lent Collect**

**Almighty and everlasting God,**

**you hate nothing that you have made**

**and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:**

**Create and make in us new and contrite hearts**

**that we, worthily lamenting our sins**

**and acknowledging our wretchedness,**

**may receive from you, the God of all mercy,**

**perfect remission and forgiveness;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## ***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.**

## **Going Out as God's People**

Go, beloved children,  
to find your wilderness place  
amidst the chaos of life.  
Find God present there  
revealing the purpose of your life  
and, in loving service,  
know the blessing of God  
today and always.

And may the Blessing ...

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ, Amen**

### **Hymn 606**

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

2 I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

3 You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

*Martin Nystrom (b. 1956)  
based on Psalm 42*

### **Recessional music – Jonathan Stanley**

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**Next Sunday 28th February**

11am Family Service

**Until further notice all services are available to view online only (livestream or watch a recording later) via our website [www.christchurchbray.ie](http://www.christchurchbray.ie)**

### **Announcements**

#### **Zoom for Lent**

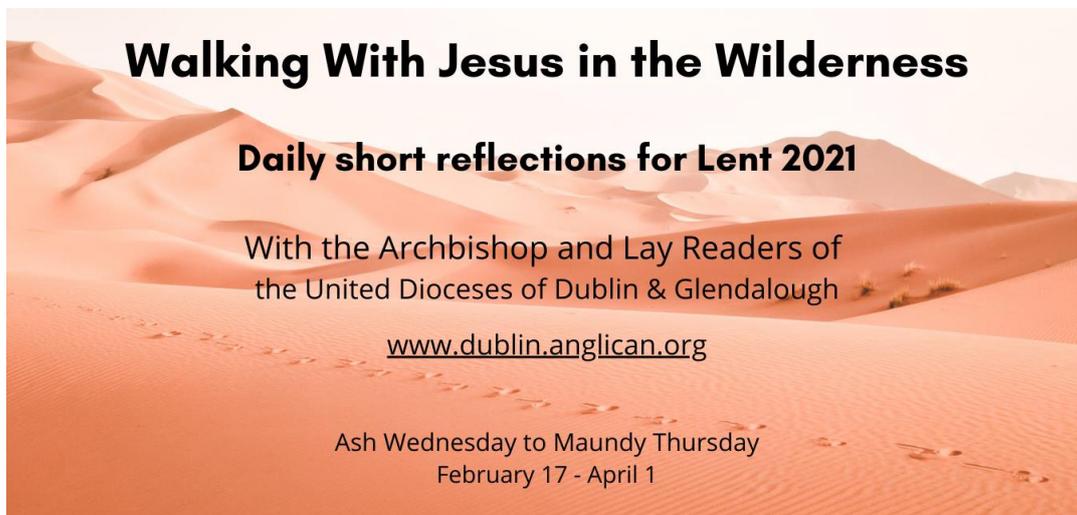
##### **Pondering Life in time of Covid. *Can the Psalms help us to respond?***

Tuesdays at 7:30pm, 60 minutes max. Let us pray together, share thoughts, and chat. Each one based around a particular psalm, with the chance for you to look at a short YouTube video beforehand, if you wish.

Please contact David or Baden to sign up and get updated week by week. We'll also post the information in advance each week.

#### **Women's World Day of Prayer 2021**

The Women's World Day of Prayer service for 2021 has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu. This is a South Pacific Island Nation made up of some 80 separate islands with a population of approximately 300,000 people. As we are obviously unable to hold our normal service in Bray (or indeed anywhere in Ireland) this year on Friday or Saturday 5th or 6th March, RTE have agreed to televise the service on Sunday 28th February at 11am. I hope those of you who have always supported us as we've celebrated this annual service around all the different churches in Bray will be able to watch it. Thank you, Fran



The easiest way to get each day's reflection is to subscribe to the Diocesan YouTube channel "The United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough". David Reynolds will take part on 8th March and 26th March.

## Annual Register of Vestry Persons 2021

Every year we revise our register of Parishioners. If you are new to the Parish, or have reached the age of 18, you are entitled to become a registered member of the parish. (This entitles you to vote at the annual Easter Vestry meeting and is quite different from being a member of the Select Vestry!) To register, please fill out the form below and return via email. If you would like to check if you are on the Parish Register, please contact the Parish Office [christchurchbray@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchbray@gmail.com)

### Revision of Parish Register

Declaration Form for New Registered Vestry Members  
To be returned to the Church Wardens

I (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Of (Address)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Solemnly swear that I am member of the Church of Ireland and that I am a resident/accustomed member (delete as applicable) of the congregation of Christ Church, Bray, that I am over 18 years of age and that I am not now registered elsewhere as a resident/accustomed member of a congregation of the Church of Ireland.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Rev. Baden Stanley

As Baden continues his recovery please do contact him on 087 948 4407 for pastoral emergencies. Alternatively contact David Reynolds at 087 918 7792.

(Baden's days off are Tuesday and Friday).

Tracey is currently working from home; for general queries please email [christchurchbray@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchbray@gmail.com) or leave a message on the parish office landline

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