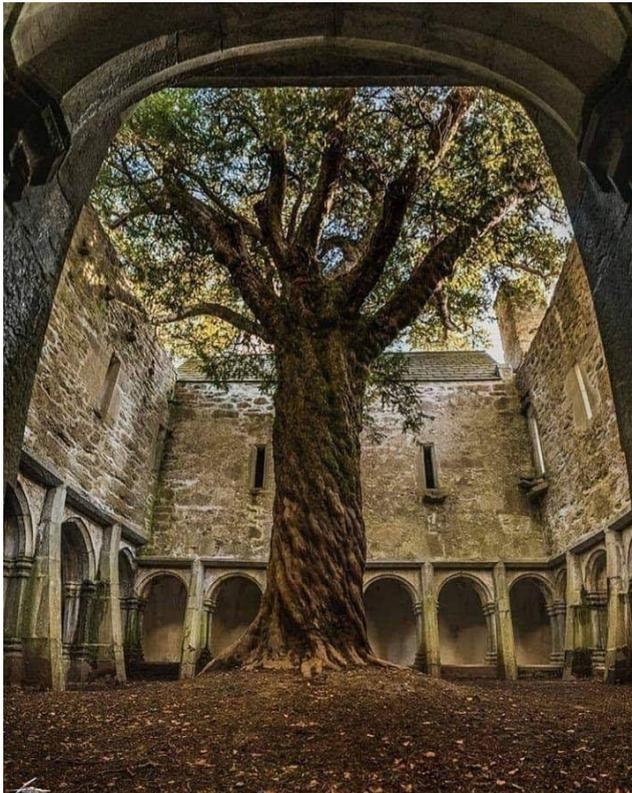




Anglican Parish of the Parks St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park

Third Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Sunday 13 June 2021



Muckross Abbey, Ireland

Today's service will be recorded for sharing on the internet with those who are unable to be with us today: at <http://video.parishoftheparks.com.au>.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Boonwurring people, the original owners of this land, and acknowledge the people and elders of the Eastern Kulin nation who have traditional connections with, and responsibility for, the land on which we meet.

From the Vicar

The picture on the front of the bulletin is from Muckross Abbey in Ireland.

From the Killarney National Park website:

The Franciscan friary of Irrelagh, now known as Muckross Abbey was founded for the Observatine Franciscans about 1448 by Daniel McCarthy Mor. The friars remained in occupation at Muckross at least intermittently and despite the dissolution of the monasteries until Cromwellian times. The present well-preserved ruins include a church with a wide, square tower and fine windows, and a vaulted cloister with an arcade of arches around a square courtyard. In the middle of the courtyard grows an ancient yew tree, said traditionally to be as old as the Abbey. Muckross Abbey was the burial place of local chieftains, and in the 17th and 18th centuries, the three Gaelic poets, Geoffrey O'Donoghue, Aodhagan O'Rathaille and Eoghan Rua O'Suilleabhain.

What of course drew me to the image was not so much its interesting history but the superb tree growing in the centre of the cloister.

When I looked at that image I saw a wonderful image for the church. Here it was growing in the midst of a building no longer alive or in use as a friary, but still life was growing at its heart.

The buildings help to create a space for us to worship but they aren't why we are here. We are here for God's sacred mysteries and the life that they make possible.

When I saw that image I immediately pictured us gathered around the tree celebrating the Eucharist. I could see it being a place of life, inspiration and creativity. The tree inspired me to think differently about the space that was in ruins.

I saw old and young alike gathered in that space sharing God's sacred elements of bread and wine. I pictured people sitting and standing, some looking up to where the tree was reaching for the sky and others looking across at one another around the tree: in both viewpoints, the divine spirit was present.

When we gather to celebrate the sacred mysteries we are the body of Christ made up of old and young, recent or long time Christians, people who believe and some who aren't too sure. All of us together make up the body of Christ.

When Ray Cleary had to take the service for me two weeks ago whilst we were in isolation Esther sat beside me watching the entire service. She was silent, prayerful and attentive. At the particular moments, she either made the sign of the cross or she held her hands together in prayer. She was fully cognisant of the sacred moments because she has a sense of the sacred and because she has sat within liturgy with us. She could have been playing in the room doing other things but she chose to be drawn into the sacred mystery.

If we imagine ourselves in that cloister, where would our eyes be drawn? To the history? To the branches above? To the width of its trunk and reminder of its age? Would we resonate with it's creaking boughs or the new shoots sprouting on the end of succulent branches? Would we be drawn to one another across the cloister or would our eyes be held on the bread and wine?

Love and blessings
Sophie



Reminder

If you are attending the service please observe these important Covid safe rules:

- If you or your close contacts are symptomatic please self-exclude
- Masks must be worn indoors
- Please maintain social distancing where possible
- Use the hand sanitiser provided at the entrance to the church
- Please do not to shake hands

Registering your attendance via QR code is now compulsory:

We can no longer use paper recording for your attendance. If you are unable to use the QR code, please ask a welcomer or Covid officer to register your attendance on their phone.

For future registrations: if you need assistance with downloading the Service Victoria app, please ask a welcomer or the Covid officer after the service. The sign-in app pre-fills your details and is easy to use.

Communion

Please sanitise your hands before and after receiving communion.

Gathering in God's name

Music before the service *Sheep may safely graze*
by JS Bach (1685-1750)

A bell is rung as a signal for all to stand

Hymn Ancient & Modern 42



1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your ho-ly



peo-ple, light for the world to see.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ,



be our light! Shine in your church gathered to —day.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

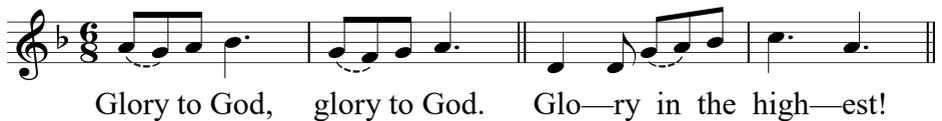
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Presider The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Let us pray

All **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn TIS 773 (sing twice)



Gospel Acclamation

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider The Gospel of our Lord, according to Mark
(Mark 4.26-34).

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁶He also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’ ³⁰He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?’ ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’ ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Presider For the Gospel of our Lord,

All praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

The Sermon

Please stand

Affirmation of Faith

Presider Let us affirm as ours the faith of the Church (*APBA p 37*)

**All We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people.
and brings all things to their true end.**

Presider This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**All We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel

After each petition: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with:

Presider Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**All Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence

Presider Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**All Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Commissioning of Wardens and Parish Council

*The Wardens and Parish Councillors gather
in front of the congregation.*

Presider *(To the congregation)*

I present to you these leaders who have been duly elected
by the Congregation.

Wardens and members of Parish Council, do you commit
yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the office to
which you have been appointed?

Leaders I do.

Presider Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to
serve this congregation in his name?

Leaders I do.

Presider *(To the congregation)*

Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with
your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with
them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's
ministry in this church?

All We will.

Presider In the name of God, I commission you for this work, and
pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support.
May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this,
and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of
the kingdom of Christ. Amen.

Let us pray.

**Gracious God,
look with favour upon these persons who have now
reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to
serve in his name.
Give them courage, patience, and vision;
and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of
witness to the world, and of service to others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

All stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Presider We are the body of Christ.

All His Spirit is with us.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The Offertory

*Please make your offering via online giving.
<http://offertory.parishoftheparks.com.au>
or scan the Offertory QR code at right.*



Offertory hymn TIS 168

1. For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour,
 God's will is done;
 in the help we give our neighbour
 God's will is done;
 in our worldwide task of caring
 for the hungry and despairing,
 in the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
 thanks be to God;
 for the good we all inherit,
 thanks be to God;
 for the wonders that astound us,
 for the truths that still confound us,
 most of all, that love has found us,
 thanks be to God.

Frederick Pratt Green 1903–2000

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Presider Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation
 through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
 Accept and use our offerings for your glory
 and for the service of your kingdom.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues the prayer

... for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues the prayer

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues the prayer

...in never-ending praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are
confident to pray,

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,

All **For we all share in the one bread.**

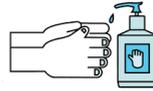
Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Communion Protocol

1. Please remove your mask.



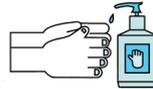
2. Sanitise hands at the pew.



3. Receive Communion and then put mask back on.



4. Sanitise hands back at the pew.



Music during Communion:

Organ meditation on hymn tune *Schonster Herr Jesu*

Sung to hymn *O most merciful* by Henry Coleman

The Presider leads the post Communion prayer, concluding with

Presider Most loving God,

All you send us into the world you love.

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

The Notices

Hymn TIS 143 vv 1,3 & 5

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,
in all life now living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.

5. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight
what hides you is only the splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

Walter Chalmers Smith 1824–1908 *alt.*
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Blessing and dismissal

Presider The peace of God which passes all understanding ...

Sr Server Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

Organ voluntary *Trumpet voluntary* by Jeremiah Clarke

Parish Prayer List

Wendy, Marcus, Yeshi, Harry, Tim, Marie, Holly, Rosemary, Dianne, Marilyn, Helen, Richard, Louisa, Chloe and her partner, Ian, Dianne, Margaret

We pray for the departed and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and especially:

James Alfred Mitchell

18 June 2018

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

| Rosters | 13 June 2021 | 20 June 2021 |
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| Welcomers | Michael | Karen |
| Covid Officer | Brian | Marcia |
| Reader | Michael | Catherine |
| Servers | Marcia, Cristian, Catherine | Brian, Sharon, Judy B |
| Side Person | Brian | Marcia |
| Intercessions | Brian | Catherine |
| Flower Roster | Sophie | Sophie |
| Morning tea | | |
| Emerald Hill pick up | Marcia | Catherine |
| After Service Cleaning | Karen, Stuart | Terri, Judy B |
| Sunday Suppers | Rohan, Yvonne & David | Craig, John M, Ed & Ann |

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