

## The Gathering of God's People

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



## Opening Hymn No. 643 (Slane (1))

[Verses 1-3]

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that  
thou art;

thou my best thought in the day and  
the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my  
light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true  
word,  
I ever with thee, and thou with me,  
Lord;  
thou my great Father, and I thy true  
heir;  
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for  
the fight;  
be thou my armour, and be thou my  
might;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my  
high tower,  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of  
my power.

## The Preface

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.

Let us confess our sins to God our  
Father.

[Please kneel or sit]

**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.**

*[Please stand]*

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

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
 and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now,  
 and shall be forever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

*[Please sit]*

### **The Old Testament Reading - 2** **Kings 2: 1-12**

2 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The

company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

<sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' <sup>10</sup>He responded, 'You have asked a hard

thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Here ends the Old Testament Reading.

### **Psalm - Hymn No. 362 (Thaxted)**

O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour  
may serve you as our King:  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:

to marvel at your beauty  
and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise!

*[Please sit]*

### **The New Testament Reading - Mark 9: 2-9**

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Here ends the New Testament Reading.



**Canticle - Hymn No. 112 (There is a Redeemer)**

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.

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

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

**The Apostles' Creed**

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***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**

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

*[Please sit or kneel]*

Let us pray.

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Versicles and Responses**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
***and grant us your salvation.***

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers  
*and grant our government wisdom.*

Let your ministers be clothed with  
righteousness  
*and let your servants shout for joy.*

O Lord, save your people  
*and bless those whom you have  
chosen.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
*and let your glory be over all the  
earth.*

O God, make clean our hearts within us  
*and renew us by your Holy Spirit.*

### The Collects of the Sunday before Lent

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the  
cross:

give us grace to perceive his glory  
that we may be strengthened to  
suffer with him

and be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory;

who is alive and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, our teacher and our judge:  
enrich our hearts with the goodness  
of your wisdom  
and renew us from within:

that all our actions, all our thoughts  
and all our words  
may bear the fruit of your  
transforming grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Collect for use at Morning Prayer

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*Go before us, Lord, in all our  
doings, with your most gracious  
favour,  
and further us with your continual  
help;  
that in all our works begun,  
continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally by your mercy attain  
everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### The Prayers



### Hymn No. 503 (St. Francis)

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring  
your love,  
where there is injury, your pardon,  
Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in  
you:

*O Master, grant, that I may never  
seek  
so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life let me  
bring hope,  
where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy:  
*O Master, grant, that I may never  
seek  
so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace:  
it is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal  
life.

## The Sermon

### Hymn No. 643 (Slane (1))

[Verses 4-5]

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty  
praise,  
thou mine inheritance through all my  
days;  
thou, and thou only, the first in my  
heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou  
art!

High King of heaven, when the battle  
is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright  
heaven's sun,  
Christ of my own heart, whatever  
befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## The Blessing

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## **WHAT'S ON...**

Whilst some of these things go on  
throughout the year, you might like to try  
them in Lent; to take something up, rather  
than give something up...

# MIDWEEK PRAYER AND CHAT **WEDNESDAY** 10.30-11.00 via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82865214531  
?pwd=Z0hoeVNFWXI1TVZMVVI2a3h5d  
3Z3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82865214531?pwd=Z0hoeVNFWXI1TVZMVVI2a3h5d3Z3Zz09)



## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

by Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

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*This might be something that you would 'take up' and try for Lent.*

*The sense of peace and calm is wonderful.*

## Lenten Challenge 5km a day



**Gillian intends to walk 5km every day of Lent 2021**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February –**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**

*in aid of:*

**The Irish Cancer Society**

**Protestant Aid**

**Parish Funds**

We are in difficult times, and for many, this third lockdown has been, and is, the hardest. In Lent 2021, I am suggesting that rather than giving things up, that we could pull together as a parochial group for our mental, spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing and health, whilst at the same time raising funds for three charities.

The idea is to try and do 5km a day, whether you walk it, cycle it or run it.

If 5km is too much, set yourself a lower target; if it is too easy, set a higher one! Or you can set yourself whatever challenge works for you: learning the 'Jerusalem' and dancing it every day in Lent; learning sign language... it's up to you, but do something that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, this Lent.

The money raised will be divided equally between the three charities.

*Last year, the **Irish Cancer Society's** major fundraiser, Daffodil Day, was severely affected by COVID-19 and it will be again this year. Each year, on the fourth Sunday of March, we have a Daffodil Service followed by a Daffodil Coffee Morning with a Bring-and-Buy, in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, but, of course, we were not able to have it last year and we will not be able to have it this year. **Please***

***note that we will be having a Daffodil Service as part of our Palm Sunday Service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021.***

***Protestant Aid*** (also known as PA) is the Church of Ireland version of St Vincent de Paul. It treats genuine calls for help equally, regardless of religious, ethnic or social backgrounds. It was established as a charity over 180 years ago to relieve deprivation in Ireland.

*Its primary activities include:*

*Grants to alleviate poverty or distress*

- *Annuities for the elderly*
- *Allowances for heating/energy costs*
- *School expenses*
- *Second-level education grants*
- *Third-level loans*
- *Sheltered housing and nursing care for over 200 elderly people through our sister companies, the Brabazon Trust and St John's House*

And the third cause to benefit is our parishes.

You can help by sponsoring or donating to Gillian's 5km Lenten Challenge, or you could take up a Challenge yourself.

As we are in lockdown, we are not asking people to take sponsorship cards or to handle money,

donations may be made via the GoFundMe page - <https://gofund.me/996d06a6>

or to

All donations should be sent to the following IBAN:

**Boosterstown and Mount Merrion  
Account  
IBAN: IE92ULSB 985330 00606072  
BIC: ULSBIE2D**