

**St John the Evangelist, Courtmacsherry 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
*(Church of Ireland)*

**PET CHURCH SERVICE  
ON THE BEACH  
& HARVEST THANKSGIVING**



**Greeting and Welcome**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;  
**let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad!**

May the joy of the Lord be our strength and song:  
**All thanks be to God.**

**Song**

**1] OVER ALL THE EARTH,**

You reign on high,  
Every mountain stream,  
Every sunset sky.  
But my one request,  
Lord, my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me today.

*Lord, reign in me,  
Reign in Your power;  
Over all my dreams,  
In my darkest hour.  
You are the Lord of all I am,  
So won't You reign in me today.*

2] Over every thought,  
Over every word,  
May my life reflect the beauty of my  
Lord;  
'Cause You mean more to me  
Than any earthly thing,  
So won't You reign in me today

### ***The minister says***

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 God's holy word proclaimed,  
to bring before God our needs and the needs of the world,  
and to pray that in the power of the Spirit we may serve God and know the  
greatness of God's love.

God shows his love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.  
Sure of reconciliation through the death of his Son,  
we confess our sins to God:

**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 us, pardon and deliver us from all your sins,  
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
And keep us in eternal life;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth will 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 for ever. Amen.**

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

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: NUMBERS 22:21-33

<sup>21</sup> Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the Moabite officials. <sup>22</sup> But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the LORD stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him.

<sup>23</sup> When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, it turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat it to get it back on the road.

<sup>24</sup> Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path through the vineyards, with walls on both sides. <sup>25</sup> When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. So he beat the donkey again.

<sup>26</sup> Then the angel of the LORD moved on ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right or to the left. <sup>27</sup> When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat it with his staff. <sup>28</sup> Then the LORD opened the donkey's mouth, and it said to Balaam,

"What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"

<sup>29</sup> Balaam answered the donkey, "You have made a fool of me! If only I had a sword in my hand, I would kill you right now."

<sup>30</sup> The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your own donkey, which you have always ridden, to this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?"

"No," he said.

<sup>31</sup> Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown.

<sup>32</sup> The angel of the LORD asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me. <sup>33</sup> The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away, I would certainly have killed you by now, but I would have spared it."



## Song:

**If I were a butterfly,**

I'd thank You, Lord, for giving me wings.  
And if I were a robin in a tree,  
I'd thank You, Lord, that I could sing.  
And if I were a fish in the sea,  
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee;  
But I just thank You, Father,  
For making me 'me'.

**Chorus:**

***For You gave me a heart  
And You gave me a smile,  
You gave me Jesus  
And You made me Your child,  
And I just thank You, Father,  
For making me 'me'.***

2] If I were an elephant,  
I'd thank You, Lord, by raising my trunk.  
And if I were a kangaroo,  
You know I'd hop right up to You.  
And if I were an octopus,  
I'd thank You, Lord, for my fine looks;  
But I just thank You, Father,  
For making me 'me'.

## **BIBLE READING:** John 1:35-42

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,  
<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and



3] If I were a wiggily worm,  
I'd thank You, Lord, that I could squirm.  
And if I were a billy goat,  
I'd thank You, Lord,  
for my strong throat.  
And if I were a fuzzy-wuzzy bear,  
I'd thank You, Lord,  
for my fuzzy-wuzzy hair;  
But I just thank You, Father,  
For making me 'me'.

they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you

staying?’<sup>39</sup> He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his

brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

### **TODAY’S MESSAGE:**

*What are the animals saying to you?*

### **Hymn 47** *We plough the fields and scatter*

#### **We plough the fields and scatter**

the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine  
and soft refreshing rain.

*Chorus:*

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.*

2 He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the wind and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

*Chorus*

3 We thank you, then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food:  
accept the gifts we offer  
for all your love imparts;  
and that which you desirest:  
our humble, thankful hearts.

*Chorus*

## **THE 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 minister says:***

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

*Let us 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.**

**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 Collect for Today:**

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need  
and for our own well being;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **INTERCESSIONS**

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely given to us.... for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

**We thank you, Father God.**

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

**We thank you, Father God.**

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

**We thank you, Father God.**

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

**We thank you, Father God.**

For the trust you have shown in giving into our care, these, our pets;

**We thank you, Father God.**

That each pet here may be treasured with care;

**We thank you, Father God.**

That we may love and honour all your works, O God;

**We thank you, Father God.**

We pray for peace in our broken world, wherever there is fighting and hatred

**Lord have mercy**

We pray for the governments of the world, that they would work together for the common good

**Lord have mercy**



We pray for our community, for all those back to work and back to school

**Lord have mercy**

We also pray for...

**Lord have mercy**

That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;  
**To the honour and glory of your name, now and forever, Amen.**

## **NOTICEBOARD**

<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>9:30am to 12noon New Season Clean up of the Parochial Hall</b> Please bring cleaning equipment and help out. Thank you.
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Christian Aid Sheep's Head Hike</b> Registration 11am at Kilcrohane Community Centre. Walks start 11am 
	<b>Community Bingo</b> Parochial Hall 8:30pm (held every Saturday) 
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10am Harvest Thanksgiving – Holy Communion with Bishop Paul Colton</b> The Church of the Ascension, Timoleague
	<b>11:30am Kilgarriffe Church, Clonakilty.</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Little Treasures – Parent and Toddler group begins again</b> 10am to 11:30am in the Parochial Hall
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	September Select Vestry Meeting 8:30pm in Clonakilty Parochial Hall

### **GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

To God, who by the power at work within us,  
is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20*

### **THE BLESSING**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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