

HOLY TRINITY KILLINEY
Sunday 8 March 2026
Third Sunday in Lent
FAMILY SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE GREETING

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalm 51:17

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray. Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

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.

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

CONFESSION – SAYING SORRY TO GOD

God our Father:
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives.
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from
you by temptations in the world about us:
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to
belong to your Son:
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

ABSOLUTION

PRAISE – Please Stand

Blessed is the Lord
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
therefore, shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song we will praise our God.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First reading – Romans 5:1-11

We have been made right with God
because of our faith. So we have peace
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through our faith, Christ has brought us
into that blessing of God's grace that we
now enjoy. And we are happy because of
the hope we have of sharing God's glory.

And we also have joy with our troubles because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope. And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts. God gave us his love through the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to us. Christ died for us while we were still weak. We were living against God, but at the right time, Christ died for us. Very few people will die to save the life of someone else. Although perhaps for a good man someone might possibly die. But Christ died for us while we were still sinners. In this way God shows his great love for us.

We have been made right with God by the blood of Christ's death. So through Christ we will surely be saved from God's anger. I mean that while we were God's enemies, God made us his friends through the death of his Son. Surely, now that we are God's friends, God will save us through his Son's life. And not only that, but now we are also very happy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Jesus we are now God's friends again.

Hymn 91

He is Lord, he is Lord;
he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord;
every knee shall bow, every tongue
confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is love, he is love;
he has shown us by his cross that he is
love;
all his people sing with one voice of joy
that Jesus Christ is love.

He is life, he is life;
he has died to set us free and he is life;
and he calls us all to live evermore,
for Jesus Christ is life.

He is King, he is King;
he will draw all nations to him, he is King;

and the time shall be when the world shall
sing
that Jesus Christ is King.

Second reading – John 4:5-42

In Samaria Jesus came to the town called Sychar. This town is near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his long trip. So he sat down beside the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to the well to get some water. Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." This happened while Jesus' followers were in town buying some food. The woman said, "I am surprised that you ask me for a drink. You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan." (Jews are not friends with Samaritans.) Jesus said, "You don't know what God gives. And you don't know who asked you for a drink. If you knew, you would have asked me, and I would have given you living water." The woman said, "Sir, where will you get that living water? The well is very deep, and you have nothing to get water with. Are you greater than Jacob, our father? Jacob is the one who gave us this well. He drank from it himself. Also, his sons and flocks drank from this well." Jesus answered, "Every person who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again. The water I give will become a spring of water flowing inside him. It will give him eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water. Then I will never be thirsty again. And I will not have to come back here to get more water." Jesus told her, "Go get your husband and come back here." The woman answered, "But I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right to say you have no husband. Really you have had five husbands. But the man you live with now is not your husband. You told the truth." The woman said, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain. But you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place

where people must worship.” Jesus said, “Believe me, woman. The time is coming when you will not have to be in Jerusalem or on this mountain to worship the Father. You Samaritans worship what you don’t understand. We Jews understand what we worship. Salvation comes from the Jews. The time is coming when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. That time is now here. And these are the kinds of worshipers the Father wants. God is spirit. Those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.”

The woman said, “I know that the Messiah is coming.” (Messiah is the One called Christ.) “When the Messiah comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus said, “He is talking to you now. I am he.” Just then his followers came back from town. They were surprised because they saw Jesus talking with a woman. But none of them asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to town. She said to the people, “A man told me everything I have ever done. Come see him. Maybe he is the Christ!” So the people left the town and went to see Jesus. While the woman was away, the followers were begging him, “Teacher, eat something!” But Jesus answered, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” So the followers asked themselves, “Did somebody already bring Jesus some food?” Jesus said, “My food is to do what the One who sent me wants me to do. My food is to finish the work that he gave me to do. You say, ‘Four more months to wait before we gather the grain.’ But I tell you, open your eyes. Look at the fields that are ready for harvesting now. Even now, the one who harvests the crop is being paid. He is gathering crops for eternal life. So now the one who plants can be happy along with the one who harvests. It is true when we say, ‘One person plants, but another harvests the crop.’ I sent you to harvest a crop that

you did not work for. Others did the work, and you get the profit from their work.” Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus. They believed because of what the woman said: “He told me everything I have ever done.” The Samaritans came to Jesus and begged him to stay with them. So he stayed there two days. Many more believed because of the things he said. They said to the woman, “First we believed in Jesus because of what you told us. But now we believe because we heard him ourselves. We know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

Sermon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

Amen.

THE PRAYERS (concluding with The Lord’s Prayer)

**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.**

Hymn 636

May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.

May the word of God enrich me
with his truth from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father
in my life for ever reign,
that I may be calm to comfort
those in grief and pain.

May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea,
him exalting, self abasing -
this is victory!

May his beauty rest upon me
as I seek to make him known;
so that all may look to Jesus,
seeing him alone.

May I run the race before me
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

GOING OUT TO SERVE GOD

Let us bless the Lord:
**Thanks be to God.
Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and forever.
Amen.**

Offertory Hymn 689

Come, sing praises to the Lord above,
rock of our salvation, Lord of love;
with delight into God's presence move,
for the Lord our God is King!

*God is king above the mountains high,
the ocean deep, the land and sky;
mighty continents and islands lie
within the hollow of God's hand.*

Come to worship him and bow the knee,
praise our shepherd with humility;
humble creatures in his hand are we –
sing the praise of God the king!

Hear the story of God's people now,
you with stubborn hearts who will not
bow;
learn what happened long ago and how
God can show you who is king!

Forty years God kept the prize away,
made them wander till they would obey,
exiled all of them until the day
they would honour God as king.

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

Tuesday 10 March – 2.30pm

Ladies Guild meet in The Carry Hall

Wednesday 11 Feb – 10.30am

Holy Communion followed by coffee

Thursday 12 March – 8pm

Lent Bible Study in The Carry Centre

*Please join us for refreshments in The
Carry Centre immediately following
the service.*