

**A Service of the Word  
During the time of  
Coronavirus**

**Donaghadee Parish Church  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Hymn “Father all loving”**

God is our refuge and strength;  
a very present help in trouble. *Psalm 46.1*

I lift up my eyes to the hills –  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 121.1-2*

This I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning. *Lamentations 3.21-23*

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes.  
God is close to those who trust in him. *Nahum 1.7*

**The Call to Worship**

God of all mercy and compassion,  
life and death are in your hands.  
As we gather in this time of illness and infection,  
of isolation, fear, and uncertainty:  
we are mindful of the sick  
and those weighed down by pain, distress, loneliness, and anxiety;  
those who care for them, conscious of the risks they bear;  
and all who have responsibility for public health and social order.  
We pray that the cry of the afflicted may be heard  
and that they may be comforted,  
so that all who suffer may come to know  
that they are joined to the sufferings of Christ,  
who gave his life for the salvation of the world;  
and by your blessing on them and those who care for them,  
they may they be restored, according to your will,  
to soundness of body, mind and spirit  
and offer joyful thanks in your Church.

## **Penitence**

When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble,  
**he will deliver us from our distress.**

God will bring us out of darkness  
**into his marvellous light.**

### *Silence*

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father  
forgive us and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days. Amen.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:  
Transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Psalm 121** (responsorial version)

**Bible Reading:** Luke 12: 22-31

### **Address**

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

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

**Worship Song:** *“O let the Son of God enfold you”*

**Intercessions**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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** *“Longing for light”*

God grant to the living, grace  
to the departed, rest,  
to the Church and to the nations, peace and concord;  
and the blessing...

The Lord bless us and protect us,  
**and share an abundance of life in your Name. Amen.**

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



**NORTH DOWN  
STOREHOUSE**

**Donations to the Storehouse can be left  
in the box in the Church Hall on  
Wednesdays and Thursdays  
(main door).  
(Non-perishable items)**

**PRAYER POINTS**

- \* Remember to pray for our Rector Ian, Debbie, and family.
- \* For the other churches in our town: remembering this week the congregation of Shore Street Presbyterian Church, their minister Revd Alvin Little, his wife Linda and their family.
- \* Diocesan Parish Prayer Focus: remembering this week Braniel Community Church and Leader: James Crockett
- \* For the North Down Storehouse.
- \* For our elderly folk in Nursing Homes / Residential Care and at home at this time of concern with the Coronavirus especially as vaccination begins in Donaghadee (pray for our Health Centre staff).
- \* We thank God that we are able to facilitate Covid vaccinations in our Church Hall - pray that the vaccination programme may be successful and smooth running.
- \* For the Rector and Select Vestry as they administer the church in these difficult days.
- \* For all in our congregation who have known bereavement in these last weeks.

**As we have now entered another  
lockdown period, worship is now  
on-line.**

**The Church Hall is open Wednesday  
and Thursday mornings to receive  
items for the foodbank.**

**If you wish, you may also leave in  
your church envelope.**

**Many thanks and keep safe.**

**Rector**