A Big Thank You!

A Big Thank You to you all for your continuing support for your church family! We are thankful both your financial and prayerful support over the past few months. You are all very much appreciated!

Beirut – opportunity to donate via Bishops' Appeal

The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal has long supported Christian Aid and Tearfund partners in Beirut in their work with vulnerable communities, not least people living with disabilities, people who are refugees, people who have or are exposed to Gender Based Violence and people in need of basic humanitarian assistance such as food and shelter. In the wake of the horrific explosion in Beirut last Tuesday, which has killed more than 150 people, injured 5,000 and left 300,000 people homeless, Christian Aid and Tearfund partners are assessing the damage and the needs in the city.

NOTICES

Bishops' Appeal extends the opportunity to all parishes

and individuals who wish to contribute to these vital

efforts to do so via Bishops' Appeal.

Donations can be made online or sent to Bishops' Appeal,

Beirut Response, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, D6.

Offerings

<u>Offerings</u> can be made directly through **bank transfer or electronic payment** to:

Account Name: Select Vestry of St Patricks Sort Code: 93-80-17 Account Number: 49968060 If you are a regular giver please use your envelope number as a reference. Alternatively, payment by **cheque** made payable to "Select Vestry of St Patricks" can be sent to our Treasurer, Mr Richard Cotter at 6 Markstown Crescent Cullybackey, BT43 5PT If you are a regular giver please indicate your envelope number. For any further information please contact Richard by email on <u>rjcotter@sky.com</u> or telephone 07946445290.











Please come with us on a journey of prayer, praise and worship this morning. Join in with us at home by using this service sheet.

"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ..."

Romans 5:1

Opening Prayer

Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Opening Worship – Amazing Grace

Amazing grace How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love, Amazing grace

The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God, Who called me here below Will be forever mine Will be forever mine You are forever mine

Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our sins in penitence and faith... 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.*

Absolution

Psalm 104: 1-9 & 31-35 Children's Message

Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen*.

> Bible Reading – Ephesians 2:11-22 Sermon

Collect of the Day

O God,

you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers and Intercessions

In our intercessions this morning, the response to 'Christ, Son of the Living God' is

'hear us and help us...'

Christ, Son of the Living God, hear us and help us.

Loving Lord God, transform us by Your love, may we know and do Your will, may we truly live and work for Your praise and glory, through Christ, the King of glory, who reigns and lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Lord, we offer ourselves, our hearts, our souls and our bodies to You. You give us life; You give us love; You give us Yourself. May we give our lives, our love and ourselves to You. We pray for the unity of Your Church,

we pray that we may work together for the good of all.

We give thanks for the good gifts You have given to us;

let us use them for Your glory.

We pray especially for all who exercise gifts of ministry, prayer, teaching and healing.

Christ, Son of the Living God,

hear us and help us.

We pray for our church family, that their talents and abilities may be able to be used;

bless each in their vocation and work.

We remember those who, in these past months, have been on furlough,

those who have been made redundant and for those who are unemployed.

We pray that You would comfort and guide them;

be with them as they return to work or continue to look for work. Christ, Son of the Living God,

hear us and help us.

Bless our homes with Your presence and Your grace,

bless our homes and families with cheerfulness and kindliness,

with generosity and with goodness.

We pray for our loved ones, our neighbours and our friends,

the communities to which we belong and the places where we work. Christ, Son of the Living God,

hear us and help us.

We pray for all who suffer through the cruelty of others,

for all who have lost confidence in themselves or in others.

We pray for those who are finding different relationships difficult,

for those who are lonely,

those who feel rejected or distressed.

We pray for all those who are in trouble, need, sickness or any other adversities.

Christ, Son of the Living God,

hear us and help us.

In a moment of stillness we offer our loving Father our own prayers...

Christ, Son of the Living God, hear us and help us.

The Lord's Prayer

Wherever we are now, we use the words that our Lord and Saviour Himself taught us to pray.

Let's say together: 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.

Closing Worship – What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning One With God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus, You brought heaven down My sin was great, Your love was greater What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a wonderful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You You silenced the boast, of sin and grave The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again You have no rival, You have no equal Now and forever, God you reign Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Closing Prayer and Blessing
May the Lord bless you

and take care of you;

May the Lord be kind

and gracious to you;

May the Lord look on your with favour

and give you peace. Amen.

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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