

Newtownbreda 4<sup>th</sup> October

## Call to worship

The law of the Lord is perfect, it gives new strength. The commands of the Lord are trustworthy, giving wisdom to those who lack it. Psalm 19

We live in a society where laws are constantly changing; where guidelines are adapted to the needs of our particular situations so these words of the Psalmist remind us that with law comes strength and trust and wisdom. At times it may be challenging but we are told

The laws of the Lord are right, the commands of the Lord are just. In that knowledge and belief we can come into God's presence and be assured God has this situation in His hands and simply asks us to trust for the law of the Lord is perfect.

Father may our words and our thoughts and our actions be acceptable to you for you are our refuge and our redeemer.  
AMEN

## Psalm 121

I look to the mountains, where will my help come from?  
My help will come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let you fall, your protector is always awake.

The protector of Israel never dozes or sleeps.

The Lord will guard you, he is by your side to protect you.

The sun will not hurt you by day nor the moon by night.

The Lord will protect you from all danger, he will keep you safe.

He will protect you as you come and go, now and forever.

## Prayer of adoration and confession

Almighty God, when we look to the heavens we see evidence of your amazing handiwork. We turn to scripture and we see your perfect law which revives our souls and your teaching which causes our hearts to rejoice for it is good and true. Yet in the midst of these blessings, still we get things wrong. we hold on to our grudges, we withhold love from one another, our stubbornness leads us into division and prejudice and so often we forget what it means to be your beloved children. Father forgive us  
Help us to let go of our resistance.  
Help us to take responsibility for our actions.  
Help us to see that your embrace is for all people.  
Help us to find our identity in you. And remind us of the truth that never changes – God has loved us, loves us now and will love us always and hears us as we pray together saying  
Our Father, Who art un 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 forever and ever. AMEN

Be still my soul the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief and pain.

Throughout the wilderness stories we see God time and time again proving His presence, His understanding and His compassion in patience and care and practical support. The Lord is on our side as He wants peace and a sense of amazing love and grace to be within us and around us.

He does not promise an easy path – there may be times of great pain but he will bear that pain with us.

Be Still my soul; your God will undertake to guide the future as He has the past

As our future remains somewhat unclear it is good to be reminded that God guide us as he always has done before. So as we listen to this familiar tune remember your hope, your confidence let nothing shake.

### Benediction

Go out into the world in peace. Love your God with all your heart. Be challenged by the Spirit's promptings. Hear the call to serve Christ and be obedient to God's will. And may the grace of that same Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and those whom you love. This day and forever more. AMEN