

All Age Communion Service – 7 September 2025

The Baptism of Lorcan Thomas Faherty

First reading: **Deuteronomy 30: 15-end**

Look, today I offer you life and success, death and destruction.

I command you today to love the Lord your God. Do what he wants you to do. Keep his commands, his rules and his laws. Then you will live and grow in number. And the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are going to take as your own.

But you might turn away from the Lord. You might not obey him. You might be led to bowing down and serving other gods. I tell you today that you will be destroyed. And you will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan River to enter and own.

Today I ask heaven and earth to be witnesses. I am offering you life or death, blessings or curses. Now, choose life! Then you and your children may live. Love the Lord your God. Obey him. Stay close to him. He is your life. And he will let you live many years in the land. This is the land he promised to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Second reading: **Psalm 1**

Happy is the person who doesn't listen to the wicked. He doesn't go where sinners go. He doesn't do what bad people do.

He loves the Lord's teachings. He thinks about those teachings day and night.

He is strong, like a tree planted by a river. It produces fruit in season. Its leaves don't die. Everything he does will succeed.

But wicked people are not like that. They are like useless chaff that the wind blows away.

So the wicked will not escape God's punishment. Sinners will not worship God with good people.

This is because the Lord protects good people. But the wicked will be destroyed.

Gospel: **Luke 14:25-33**

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them, "If anyone is not willing to die on a cross when he follows me, then he cannot be my follower.

If you wanted to build a tower, you would first sit down and decide how much it would cost.

You must see if you have enough money to finish the job.

If you don't do that, you might begin the work, but you would not be able to finish.

And if you could not finish it, then all who would see it would laugh at you.

They would say, 'This man began to build but was not able to finish!'

"If a king is going to fight against another king, first he will sit down and plan.

If the king has only 10,000 men, he will plan to see if he is able to defeat the other king who has 20,000 men.

If he cannot defeat the other king, then he will send some men to speak to the other king and ask for peace.

In the same way, you must give up everything you have to follow me.

If you don't, you cannot be my follower!

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