

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 13th June 2021, Pentecost 3(Trinity 2)

Please print and bring this sheet with you if you are attending the service and wish to follow the readings and sing the hymns. (SPB refers to the Scottish Prayer Book Liturgy for those who follow this service)

Introit Hymn: Blessed assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour, all the day long.*
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song,...
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song,...

Welcome: Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Purity: **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect: Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect SPB: O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love: Keep us we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**.

First reading: Ezekiel 17. 22-24 (SPB 1 St John 3. 13)

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 5. 6-17

Gradual hymn: As the deer pants for the water

1. 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.*
2. I want You more than gold and silver
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And on You I can rely
You alone are my strength, my shield...
3. You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are the King
I love You more than any other
So much more than any thing
You alone are my strength, my shield...

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia.**

Gospel: Mark 4. 26-34 (St Luke 14.16)

When gospel is announced: **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

At end:

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sermon: *The Revd Stuart Gray*

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 substance with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made human. 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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.**

**and 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.**

Intercessions: Composed and prayed on behalf of the congregation by a member of the Intercessors Group

Let us pray for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the church and its members.

Father God, we approach your throne of grace with our concerns and our thanksgiving for all your people throughout the world. Help us to put our trust in you and in our Saviour Jesus Christ who taught us that you love us as a parent and want only what is right for us.

Lord in Your mercy. – **‘Hear our prayer’**

We pray for the College of Bishops, for Mark the Primus and Ian our Diocesan Bishop. We pray for St James Cupar with St Mary Ladybank and for Roy Annetts Jenny Back and Bishop Bob Gillies who serve there. Here in Kirkcaldy we pray for our Rector Christine and all who help with ministry as we take small steps back to more normal worship.

Lord in Your mercy. – **‘Hear our prayer’**

Creator God we pray for our world which seems to be forever caught up in violence and conflict. Through the media we are witnesses to terrorist violence in so many parts the world. As we continue to pray for peace and goodwill towards all people we also pray for the innocent victims and their families caught up in conflicts which are not of their making.

We pray for all suffering the long term effects of coronavirus and for the work of all those involved with the development and roll-out of vaccines and treatments for our protection

Lord in Your mercy. – **‘Hear our prayer’**

Gracious God we pray for our children and young people as they near end of a very different academic year. Be with those who are beginning important examinations at school and university and those starting new lives in the world of work. Help us, through our Christian life to create a society where both young and old, gifted and less able feel valued and proud to be a part of society.

Lord in Your mercy. – **‘Hear our prayer’**

Loving God we think now of those in need in our own community and further afield; the elderly and the housebound. We give thanks for all those who care for the sick within the family, and for all our medical and voluntary services. Remembering Sheila Brown who is now back at home.

We pray for those who face the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one. Help us to support all those who mourn, both with our prayers and with practical help. We remember before God those who have died and ask that those bereaved by their passing are aware of the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings so much hope.

From our year’s mind we remember Catherine Wall, William Hopcroft and James Peter Herd.

Lord in Your mercy. – **‘Hear our prayer’**

Lord we ask you to lead us into the coming week, Help us to believe that you are close by us, keep us from making mistakes and help us never to disappoint you. When we face hard decisions or difficult work and when we enjoy happy times may we know that you share these times with us.

Merciful Father: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ

Confession

and Absolution: God is love and we are God’s children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

(May) God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace: We meet in Christ's Name let us share his peace.

*The service continues in the **Green** Liturgy Booklet at Page 4. There will be no offertory collection during the service, please place your offertory in the dish at the door before or after the service.*

Offertory hymn: In Christ alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and
storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Communion Prayer: (For those at home)

God of infinite mercy. We thank you for Jesus our Saviour who feeds his people and gives them eternal life. Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine we thank you that we do receive Christ's saving presence, the forgiveness of sins and all other benefits of his passion. Grant that we may continue for ever in the risen and ascended life of our Saviour. Amen. (This prayer is said during the online Provincial service).

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.**

Communion hymn: Be still my soul

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly,
Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still
know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt
below.
3. Be still, my soul, though dearest friends
depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then shalt thou better know His love, His
heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrows and thy
fears.
Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.
4. Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are
gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are
past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Sentence: We give thanks to you Lord, for you are gracious
And your mercy endures forever

Concluding Prayer: **Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Recessional hymn: Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

1. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
2. Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
3. Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
4. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgments,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children--
praise the Lord, all people, praise!
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!

7pm Candle Prayer

**Living God, who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead,
Be with us on the journey before us.
Be with us when the path is smooth and the horizon is clear.
Lead us on to the place of your presence. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our
prayer.**

**Living God, who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead,
Be with us on the journey before us.
Be with us when the path is broken and the way obscured.
Still lead us on to the place of your presence. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

**Living God, who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead,
Be with us on the journey before us.
Be with us as we face the challenges seen and those as yet unseen.
In all we face, may your abiding presence remain. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our
prayer.**

**Living God, who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead,
Be with us on the journey.
Be with those who grow frustrated and who feel disheartened.
Renew us that we may discover your presence once more. Lord, in your mercy, hear our
prayer.**

**Living God, who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead,
Be with us on the journey.
Be with us that we might share in the life of the Risen Lord
And the life everlasting in your presence. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**