

# St Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Dunblane



A Service of the Word  
in Ordinary Time  
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# *A warm welcome to St Mary's*

## *A Service of the Word —Modern and Ancient*

The origins of this form of service lie in early Jewish Sabbath day worship. When Jesus worshipped in the synagogue, he joined in liturgy largely based on the reading and exposition of Scripture, and the saying or singing of Psalms – a 'Service of the Word'. Early Christian gatherings for worship were also based on this pattern, eventually combining with the Eucharist to provide the familiar shape of the Eucharistic liturgy of Word and Sacrament.

The Service of the Word is authorised for use under Canon 22 by the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church 2015.

The liturgy used in this service is taken from the first part of the 1982 Eucharist authorised for use under Canon 22 on behalf of the College of Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

This liturgy contains the changes permitted by the College of Bishops in 2010 to make its language more gender inclusive.

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## PREPARATION

### *Welcome*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *Opening hymn*

*We stay seated, silently reading the words and listening to the tune*

Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott*

## *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.**

## *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.**

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

## ***Gloria***

*(we stay seated)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
(with God the Son, Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit,)  
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 and eternal God, make us grow in faith, hope and charity:  
and that we may be worthy of your promises, cause us to love what  
you command; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.  
**Amen.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### ***Readings***

Genesis 50.15-21

Matthew's Gospel 18.21-35

***Sermon followed by a time of reflection***

'Forgive our sins as we forgive'  
you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.

In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew,  
what trivial debts are owed to us,  
how great our debt to you.

How can your pardon reach and  
bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs, and will  
not let  
old bitterness depart?

Lord, cleanse the depths within  
our souls,  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of  
love,  
our lives will spread your peace.

*Rosamond Herklots*

### ***Affirmation of Faith***

*(We stay seated)*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

*Prayers of lament, thanksgiving and intercession are offered for the world, for those who suffer and those in need, and for the Church.*

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Do not bring us  
to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## CONCLUSION

### *Final Hymn*

Such love, pure as the whitest snow;  
Such love, weeps for the shame I know;  
Such love, paying the debt I owe;  
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness;  
Such love, filling my emptiness;  
Such love, showing me holiness;  
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, springs from eternity;  
Such love, streaming through history;  
Such love, fountain of life to me;  
O Jesus, such love.

*Graham Kendrick*

### *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.**

**Picture:** Sieger Köder, 'Home'