

St Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church,
Dunblane



A Service on the Eve of All Souls Day
to remember with thanksgiving
those who have died

Sunday 1st November, 2020

Welcome to St Mary's

All Saints Day and All Souls Day have been observed for most of the Church's history. On All Saints Day (November 1st), we remember all those saints who left a name, whose life and work we know something about. Then on All Souls' Day (November 2nd), we remember 'the faithful departed', the ordinary people who may not have made a mark on the world, but who made their mark on those who loved them. Those people are also loved by God who made them and who continues to hold them close.

Tonight as we remember with thanksgiving those we have loved, we remember that although we are separated from them by death, they are still part of us, and that beyond our horizons, beyond our boundaries, beyond our understanding, they are held in God's embrace.

Welcome

The Lord is here.	God's Spirit is with us.
We need not fear.	God's Spirit is with us.
We are surrounded by love.	God's Spirit is with us.
We are immersed in peace.	God's Spirit is with us.
We rejoice in hope.	God's Spirit is with us.
We walk by faith.	God's Spirit is with us.

Amen

Lamentations 3.22-26, 31-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
For the Lord will not
reject for ever.
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

A Hymn for Reflection

In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear
and safe is such confiding
for nothing changes here.

The storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid,
but God is round about me
and can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me,
no want shall turn me back,
my shepherd is beside me
and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim;
He knows the way He taketh
and I will walk with Him.

Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen,
bright skies will soon be o'er me
where darkest clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure,
my path in life is free,
my Father has my treasure
and He will walk with me.

Anna Laetitia Wearing (based on Psalm 23)

Romans 8.31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer

God, our Father, we thank you that you sent your Son Jesus Christ to die for us and rise again. His cross declares your love to be without limit; his resurrection, that death our last enemy is doomed. By his victory we are assured of the promise that you will never leave us or forsake us; that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Remembrance

As the names of our loved ones are read out, a candle will be lit for each one as a sign that they are now at one with Christ, the Light of the world.

A hymn for reflection

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

George Matheson

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

A Hymn for Reflection

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas Chisholm

Blessing

May God give to you and to all those whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

If you wish to have someone to speak to or pray with you on the phone after the service - tonight, tomorrow or later in the week, you are welcome to contact Nerys on 824225 or 07583204994, Hugh on 822721 or 07767454670 or June on 821871.

We may not be able to meet in person but we can still support each other.



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