

# St Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Dunblane



A Service of the Word  
on the Feast of Christ the King  
22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020

# *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*

Come, people of the Risen King,  
who delight to bring Him praise;  
come all and tune your hearts to sing  
to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
we will lift our eyes to Him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach  
to gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
and those weeping through the night;  
come, those who tell of battles won,  
and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
and His mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days  
with the certain hope of peace.     *Rejoice ...*

Come, young and old from every land—  
men and women of the faith;  
come, those with full or empty hands—  
find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing—  
shore to shore we hear them call  
the Truth that cries through every age:  
'Our God is all in all!'     *Rejoice ...*

*Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend*

### ***Collect for Purity***

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleans 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)*

Band: *Gloria, gloria in excelsis, in excelsis,  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**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.**

*Gloria, gloria in excelsis, in excelsis,  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**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.**

*Gloria, gloria ...*

**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 everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in the kingdom of your well-beloved Son: mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; through the same 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***

Letter to the Ephesians 1.15-23, Matthew's Gospel 25.31-46

### ***Address***

### ***Hymn for reflection***

Christ's is the world in which we move;  
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;  
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,  
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,  
to the unloved he gives his embrace,  
to those who cry in pain or disgrace  
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the people we must avoid—  
strange or bereaved or never employed.  
Feel for the women and feel for the men  
who fear that their living is all in vain. *To the lost ...*

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,  
feel for the women whom men have defiled,  
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,  
and feel for the weary who find no rest. *To the lost ...*

Feel for the lives by life confused,  
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;  
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,  
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

*To the lost ...*

*John L Bell and Graham Maule*

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

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**

*followed by 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.**

## CONCLUSION

### *Final Hymn*

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,  
in perfect harmony— the man who is God:  
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity,  
kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*Oh, what a mystery —meekness and majesty:  
bow down and worship, for this is your God, this is your God!*

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,  
yet learns obedience to death on a cross:  
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice—  
and, as they crucify, prays, 'Father forgive'.

*Oh, what a mystery ...*

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,  
love indestructible in frailty appears:  
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,  
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

*Oh, what a mystery ...*

*Graham Kendrick*

### ***Blessing***

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; 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.**

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