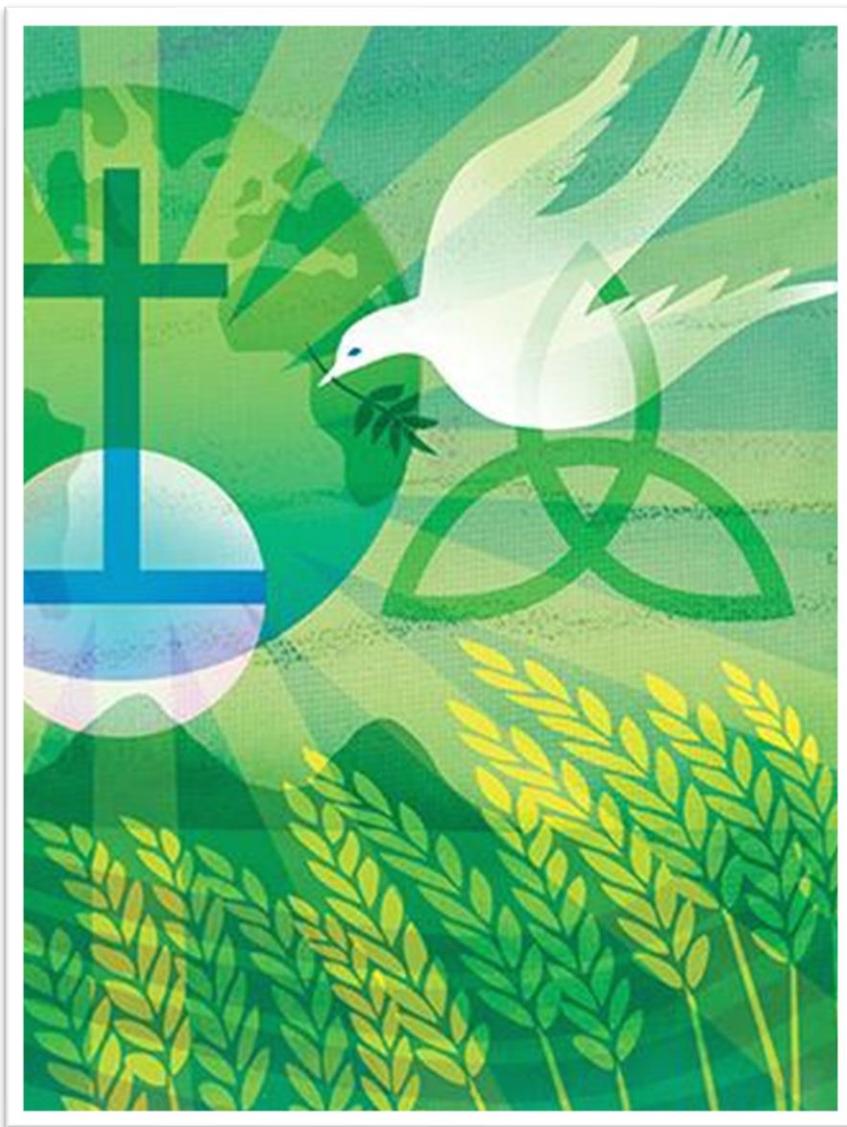


St Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Dunblane



A Service of the Word
in Ordinary Time
15th 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.



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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
be thou mine inheritance, now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish 8th century, trans. Mary Byrne, versified Eleanor Hull

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)

Organ: *Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

**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.**

Glory to God in the highest ...

**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.**

Glory to God in the highest ...

**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

O Lord, since without you we cannot please you: let the work of your mercy in all things guide our heart; 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

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew's Gospel 25.14-30

Address followed by a time of reflection

Hymn for reflection

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.*

You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.

Without your help we fail our
Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need
your strength,
following Christ each day.

Margaret V. Old

Nicene Creed

(We stay seated)

**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.
With the Father and the Son,
he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.**

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

**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

Jesus Christ is waiting,
waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.

Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.
make me, friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you

Jesus Christ is raging,
raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals
and real hope retreats.

Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too.
in the Kingdom's causes
let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing,
healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer,
touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,

I have pity too.
let my care be active,
healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,
dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred
he, with love, defeats.

Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too.
where good conquers evil
let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet.'

Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few:
Walk one step before me,
I will follow you.

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

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.