



WELCOME

Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church

2nd Sunday of Easter
Sunday 11th. April 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary *Lied* – L. Vierne

**Call to
Worship**

I pray that your inward eyes may be enlightened, so that you may know how vast are the resources of his power open to us who have faith.
Ephesians 1: 18, 19

Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland

Praise

411 ‘Christ the Lord is risen today’

1 'Christ the Lord is risen today',
all on earth and angels say;
raise your joys and triumphs high;
sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.
Love's redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won;
lo! our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
lo! he sets in blood no more.

2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell:
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.
Lives again our glorious King;
where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once he died, our souls to save;
where thy victory, O grave?

3 Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given;
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection thou!

Prayers

(Sung Kyrie) Ukrainian

This is the ancient prayer of the Church asking for God's mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Prayer for the Day Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked, draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen
(Book of Common Worship, PC, USA)

Epistle 1st John 1:1-2:2 (p.221)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- **2** the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us-- **3** that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** And we are writing this that our joy may be complete. **5** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; **7** but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. **1** My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; **2** and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Anthem *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace – S. S. Wesley*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. [Is. 26:3]

The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day:

The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. [Ps. 139:11]

God is light and with Him is no darkness at all. [1st John 1:5b]

Oh let my soul live and it shall praise Thee. [Ps. 119:175a]

For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore. [Matt. 6:13]

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20 (p.32)

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Praise 432 How often we, like Thomas

1 How often we, like Thomas,
need proof before we trust.
Lord Jesus, friend of doubters,
come, speak your truth to us.
We long to feel your presence,
and gain new faith from you,
to find, without our seeing,
the blessing Thomas knew.

2 You always stand among us
no doors can lock you out.
Your presence reassures us
though we still live with doubt.
As present-day disciples,
whose lives by sin are flawed,
we want to come believing,
and cry: 'My Lord, my God!'

SERMON

Praise 409 Jesus is risen, alleluia

1 Jesus is risen, alleluia
Worship and praise him, alleluia!
Now our redeemer bursts from the grave;
lost to the tomb, Christ rises to save

*Come, let us worship him, endlessly sing;
Christ is alive and death loses its sting.
Sins are forgiven, alleluia!
Jesus is risen, alleluia!*

2 Buried for three days, destined for death,
now he returns to breathe with our breath.
Blest are the ears alert to his voice,
blest are the hearts which for him rejoice.

3 ‘Don’t be afraid!’ the angel had said
‘Why seek the living here with the dead?
Look where he lay, his body is gone,
risen and vibrant, warm with the sun.’

4 ‘Go and tell others, Christ is alive.’
Love is eternal, faith and hope thrive.
What God intended, Jesus fulfilled;
what God conceives can never be killed.

5 Let heaven echo, let the earth sing:
Jesus is saviour of everything.
All those who trust him, Christ will receive;
rejoice, obey and believe

therefore

Offerings

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Praise

425 The Saviour died, but rose again.

1 The Saviour died, but rose again
triumphant from the grave;
and pleads our cause at God's right hand,
omnipotent to save.

2 Who then can e'er divide us more
from Jesus and his love,
or break the sacred chain that binds
the earth to heaven above?

3 Let troubles rise, and terrors frown,
and days of darkness fall;
through him all dangers we'll defy,
and more than conquer all.

4 Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell,
nor time's destroying sway,
can e'er efface us from his heart,
or make his love decay.

5 Each future period that will bless,
as it has blessed the past:
he loved us from the first of time,
he loves us to the last.

BLESSING

Voluntary *Dir, dir, Jehova* – S. Karg-Elert

Additional Readings:

St John 20:19-31 (p:110)

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." **20** When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." **22** And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." **24** Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." **26** Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." **28** Thomas answered

him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." **30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; **31** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Acts 4: 32-35 (p:116)

32 Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common. **33** And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. **34** There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold **35** and laid it at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need.

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BELOW:

Confirmation of Electoral Register – intimated on Sunday 11th April (placed in order of service and positioned on website)

Notice is hereby given that the proposed Electoral Register of this congregation of Sherbrooke Mossspark has now been prepared.

If you believe that your name should be on the Register, you can ask for confirmation that it has been included immediately after the service from the Keeper of the Roll, Christine Higgison or from the Session Clerk, Clare Williams. The Session Clerk will be available at church on Sunday 11th April and can also be contacted through email or by telephone. Although notifications were requested on or before 6th of April, any further notifications can still be received by 11.15am on Sunday 11th April 2021.

If your name is not on the proposed Electoral Register, and you believe it should be, you should inform the Session Clerk in writing (email) before the Kirk Session meets to finalise the register directly after the service on Sunday 11th April at Sherbrooke Mossspark church. You would normally be welcome to attend that meeting, however, however email, telephone or attendance are required if you wish to make the case for your name to be included.

Mark Johnstone
Interim Moderator

NOTICES

We welcome, the Rev Mark Johnstone, minister of Glasgow Cathedral, Interim Moderator of the parish during the forthcoming vacancy.

PLEASE NOTE you will be shown your seat by one of the duty team today. We ask you remain in it for the duration of the Service. Please follow the guidance of the team who are responsible for ensuring you are kept safe.

You are required to familiarise yourself with the current government guidelines about social distancing and hand-sanitising while in the building. Please remember we have to operate a one-way system of entry and exit to the building

Attendance at Services

Up to 50 people will be permitted to be present in the sanctuary for public worship on Sunday's and Thursday's. If wishing to attend please contact the office to register in advance, otherwise we may not be able to allow you admission (Government regulations).

The Readings are printed

The Young Church talk is on the website each weekend and Messy Church will produce a video every month covering the topic for that month. This also will be on the church website.

There will be no mid-week service this Thursday (15th April).

Christian Aid Week 10 - 16 May 2021

This year we shall again be seeking personal donations, rather than via our Church. We may have donation tins at our mini plant sale. Christian Aid envelopes will be left in the church throughout May for folks to pick up, to make your own donation and return to Christian Aid. You can also make a donation via their web site www.christainaid.org.uk/Scotland or telephone no. 0131 220 1254. If you wish for a donation envelope, please contact Janet Lamb @ email - janetmbrand@aol.com or telephone her on 0141 424 0648, and she can drop one off to your address. Please be generous this year. If its been challenging for us, how much more so for those less advantaged. **Thanks, Janet Lamb.**

Plant Sale: Mini plant sale on Saturday 8th May 2021

Covid rules permitting, a mini-plant sale is planned outside in the church grounds, because of the difficulty of socially distancing large numbers in the hall.

We are looking for home grown or surplus plants of any kind to sell for church funds. Please send your list of expected items to Stuart Hislop, so we can assess how much stock we'll have. [Contact details below] Please note that bedding plants this year will only be available by pre-order via the usual forms. Which can be **downloaded** for you to print and use.

Stuart Hislop; stuhi@aol.com; 07774 116659

Office: Janis in the office is on holiday this week, Shona Heaney will be manning the office.

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