



WELCOME



Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church

4th. Sunday in Lent
Sunday 14th. March 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary *Prière à Notre Dame* – L. Boëllmann

**Call to
Worship** By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God. (Book of Common Worship, PC, USA)

Praise 489 Come down, O love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Divine,
seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness becomes my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
we cannot guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Prayers (Sung Kyrie) Byrd - Mass for Three Voices

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

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

**Prayer for
the Day**

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(Book of Common Worship, PC, USA)

**Old
Testament**

Numbers 21:4-9

(p.137)

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the people became impatient on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." 6 Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and set it on a pole; and if a serpent bit any man, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Anthem

God so loved the world – J. Stainer

Words: St John 3:16-17

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Gospel

St John 3:14-21

(p.89)

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." **16** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. **18** He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. **19** And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **20** For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. **21** But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

Praise

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1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

SERMON

Offerings

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Praise 457 All hail the power of Jesus name

1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall,
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

2 Crown him, you martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain you trod,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

3 Let every tongue and every tribe,
responsive to the call,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

4 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall;
join in the everlasting song,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

BLESSING

Voluntary *Antienne from Mariales – N. Hakim*

Additional Readings for each Sunday. On any one Sunday there is actually four Readings: Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel. All these readings would be used if we

were having our “normal Service” so we have listed the Readings (not used) for this Sunday below. We will do this each week.

Psalm 107 1-3, 17-22 (p.536)

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever! **2** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble **3** and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **17** Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; **18** they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. **19** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; **20** he sent forth his word, and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. **21** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to the sons of men! **22** And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

Ephesians 2 1-10 (p.181)

1 And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. **3** Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), **6** and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God-- **9** not because of works, lest any man should boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Notes:

As we are no longer able, under the current regulations issued by the Scottish Government, to admit anyone who is not essential for the streaming of our Services the only people present each week is the organist the audio output person and the minister.

This necessitates a very different Order from our usual 'Order of Service'

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.

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