



**WELCOME**

**Sherbrooke Mosspark  
Parish Church**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Voluntary** Fugue in C major, BWV 547/2 – J. S. Bach

**Call to  
Worship** “We see Jesus, who for a short while was made subordinate to the angels,  
crowned now with glory and honour” Hebrews 2:9

**Praise** 439 Look ye saints, the sight is glorious

1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious!  
See the Man of Sorrows now,  
from the fight returned victorious --  
every knee to him shall bow.  
Crown him! crown him! crown him! crown him!  
crowns become the Victor's brow.

2 Crown the Saviour, angels, crown him!  
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
in the seat of power enthrone him,  
while the vault of heaven rings.  
Crown him! crown him! crown him! crown him!  
crown the Saviour King of kings.

3 Sinners in derision crowned him,  
mocked the dying Saviour's claim;  
saints and angels crowd around him,  
own his title, praise his name.  
Crown him! crown him! crown him! crown him!  
spread abroad the Victor's fame.

4 Hark, those bursts of acclamation!  
hark, those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station --  
Oh, what joy the sight affords!  
Crown him! crown him! crown him! crown him!  
King of kings, and Lord of lords!

**Prayers of approach, confession and the Lord's Prayer**

**New  
Testament**

Acts 1:1-11

(p.112 )

**1** In the first book, O The-oph'ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, **2** until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. **4** And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, **5** for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." **6** So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Sama'ria and to the end of the earth." **9** And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, **11** and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**Anthem**

*O God the King of Glory* – H. Purcell

Words: Collect for the Sunday after Ascension (from the Book of Common Prayer)

O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph into heaven; We beseech thee leave us not comfortless; but send to us thy Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place where our Saviour Christ has gone before us. Amen.

**Gospel**

Luke 24:44-53

(p.86)

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." 50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Praise**            436      Christ triumphant, ever reigning

1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

Refrain:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!*

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth: [Refrain]

3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified: [Refrain]

4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love: [Refrain]

5 So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song: [Refrain]

**SERMON**  
**“Heaven is not a Mortuary”**

**Praise**            470 Jesus shall reign

1 Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 People and realms of every tongue  
declare his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

3 Blessings abound where Jesus reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blessed.

4 Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

**Offerings**                            **Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions**

**Presentation to Mr George Galloway**

**Praise**            438     The head that once was crowned with throns

1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty Victor's brow.

2 The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal Light;

3 The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below  
to whom he manifests his love,  
and grants his name to know:

4 To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is given;  
their name an everlasting name,  
their joy the joy of heaven.

5 They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above,  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him,  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

## **BLESSING**

**Voluntary**    Prelude in C major, BWV 547/1 – J. S. Bach

**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.

**Kirk Session: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm**

**Mini Plant Sale** Thanks to the sterling efforts of Stuart Hislop and the Plant Sale Team ensuring that we were 'Covid Compliant' the Mini Plant Sale, held outside in the church grounds, was a great success even on a cold and wet Saturday morning. Not only did we raise over £1,300 but the fellowship and sheer pleasure of doing something almost 'normal' was very special. A big thank you to all those involved and to those who supported the sale. We are especially grateful to the Scouts whose help and unrivalled mastery of gazebo erection was much appreciated.

**Minister: Douglas Clark**

**Organist: John Gormley**

**Beadle: Cameron Aitken**

**Welcome Team** Garry Borland

Allan Lapsley

Rob Abbott

Ruth Sills

Marco Gaudion

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