

Welcome



**Sherbrooke Moss Park
Parish Church**

17th. Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday 27th. September 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary *Nun lob, mein seel, den Herren*, BuxWV 213 – D. Buxtehude

WELCOME

Praise 137 All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one:

4 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well

Prayers (sung Kyrie) Merbecke

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

Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy

Christe eleison Christ have mercy

Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy

Collect for Today Grant that your church being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen. (Book of Common Order, 1994)

1st Reading Psalm 8

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1. O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is thy name in all the earth!
Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted
2. by the mouth of babes and infants,
thou hast founded a bulwark because of thy foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
3. When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
the moon and the stars which thou hast established;
4. what is man that thou art mindful of him,
and the son of man that thou dost care for him?
5. Yet thou hast made him little less than God,
and dost crown him with glory and honour.
6. Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands;
thou hast put all things under his feet,
7. all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
8. the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
9. O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

Anthem *For the beauty of the earth* – J. Rutter

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

4. For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heav'n.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

Gospel

St Matthew 21:28-32

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28. “What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ **29.** And he answered, ‘I will not’; but afterward he repented and went. **30.** And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. **31.** Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. **32.** For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him.

Praise

240 God, In Such Love

1 God in such love for us lent us this planet,
gave it a purpose in time and in space:
small as a spark from the fire of creation,
cradle of life and the home of our race.

2 Thanks be to God for its bounty and beauty,
life that sustains us in body and mind:
plenty for all, if we learn how to share it,
riches undreamed-of to fathom and find.

3 Long have our human wars ruined its harvest;
long has earth bowed to the terror of force;
long have we wasted what others have need of,
poisoned the fountain of life at its source.

4 Earth is the Lord's: it is ours to enjoy it,
Ours, as God's stewards, to farm and defend.
From its pollution, misuse, and destruction,
good Lord, deliver us, world without end!

ADDRESS

Offerings Our offerings are used to support the work of the church here at Sherbrooke Mosspark and further afield.

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Dedication and Intercession for the Church and world

Intimation: "What Can I do?"

Praise 259 Beauty for Brokenness

1 Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord, in the suffering
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!

2 Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love

From a spark to a flame 3 Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary
Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

4 Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness
Carelessness, greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

God of the poor
Friend of the weak

BLESSING

Voluntary Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137 – D. Buxtehude

**WELCOME back to the Sanctuary here at
Sherbrooke Mosspark,
We are glad you are able to be with us today.**

Could we ask if you, or anyone in your household, is feeling unwell you please refrain from entering the building and follow the Scottish Government guidelines issued during the pandemic.

Please adhere to the instructions given by the people on duty today, at the doors, as we must observe the instructions given for the opening of places of public worship.

Hand sanitisers must be used and you must follow the one-way system and leave by the ramp door at the St Gilbert's Chapel side of the building.

Our pattern of worship follows roughly what has been the norm in this kirk but there are some changes due to the current circumstances.

We cannot sing: the words of the hymns are printed for you to follow

The Readings are printed

There is no Young People Talk (this is still online)

Our Offerings can be given as you enter the sanctuary in the dish provided, or as you leave after the Service, through the disabled ramp door.

Sunday 4th October Harvest Sunday

As a congregation we pride ourselves in supporting our neighbours at a time when we are celebrating the riches of harvest and all its benefits which we are lucky enough to enjoy. Hopefully this year we as a congregation will surpass our previous generosity in assisting the less fortunate, let us continue this lovely tradition.

Donations can be dropped off at the office 0141 427 1968.

**What Can I Do?"
(To care for creation and
Help build a better world for our grandchildren)**

Sherbrooke Mosspark's "COP26" Group offer these twelve ideas on what we can do personally to make a difference – most of them already tried and tested by group members!

We will add more over the coming weeks and would be glad to hear your ideas too. Please send them to Christine MacMillan (crmac@talktalk.net). We also plan to offer a guide to some of the big but complicated issues like saving energy.

It can all seem a bit much to handle, and it's tempting to pass the buck to others. But we each have a part to play in this God-given responsibility ... so what can you do?

1. Basic principles: **Reuse, Recycle, Repair, Reduce** (e.g. waste, energy use, travel, buying new products etc.): and be **Sustainable**.
2. Shop organically - this reduces pesticides going to our water courses and the oceans, and is much better for your body - and eat seasonal fresh food bought in reusable, non-plastic containers.
3. Audit your kitchen & bathroom for plastic, cleaning sprays and try refillable bottles and soap & shampoo bars.
4. Switch to a Green Energy supplier.
5. Try to lower your home energy use: e.g. add another jumper; turn off unnecessary lights; put lots in oven, washing machine etc. at any one time; only put the water you need in the kettle to boil, etc.
6. Hand any extra carrier bags from online shopping into charity shops and Food Banks.
7. Wash your hands with cleanser in cold water instead of running till it is hot.
8. Walk or cycle when you can.
9. Donate your unwanted clothes to charity and buy pre-loved where possible.
10. House plants for cleaner air like spider plants, peace lilies, mother-in-law's tongue, ivy and ferns; in the garden plant trees & hedges that benefit wildlife.
11. Join Christian Aid's prayer chain for Climate Justice (our group pray at 5pm on the first Sunday of each month - for leaders, ourselves and those most vulnerable to climate change – contact graham.blount@churchofscotland.org.uk to join in this).
12. Tell your MP and/or MSP (or the Prime Minister and First Minister) you support the need for a green rebuilding after Covid, not just 'business as usual'; they need our support and pressure to keep their promises.