



WELCOME



Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church

**1st Sunday in Lent
Sunday 21st. February 2021**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary Voluntary in D minor (Op. 6, No. 1) – J. Stanley

**Call to
Worship** The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise **Ps. 51:17**

Praise 21 Lord, teach me all your ways

1 Lord, teach me all your ways,
reveal your paths to me;
and lead me in your saving truth,
show me what I should be.

2 Remember, Lord, your love,
your care from ages past;
and in that love remember me,
in kindness hold me fast.

3 Forget my youthful faults,
forgive my sinful ways;
within the kindness of your love
remember me always.

4 God, who is just and good,
shows all who sin his way:
he leads the humble in right paths,
their teacher day by day.

5 All pathways of the Lord
are kindly, true, and sure
to those who keep his covenant
and in his ways endure.

Prayers (Sung Kyrie) Merbecke

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**

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. So guide us, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, 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)

Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

(p.7)

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, **9** "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you, **10** and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. **11** I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." **12** And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: **13** I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. **14** When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, **15** I will remember my covenant which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. **16** When the bow is in the clouds, I will look upon it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth." **17** God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth."

Anthem

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts – H. Purcell
Words: Book of Common Prayer

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts. Shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy. O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from thee. Amen.

Gospel

St Mark 1:9-15

(p.33)

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; **11** and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased." **12** The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. **13** And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him. **14** Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, **15** and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

Praise

354 O love, how deep, how broad, how high!

1 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!
Surpassing thought and fantasy
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

2 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

3 For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us the lost with love he sought,
by words, and signs, and actions, he
brought health and hope to set us free.

4 For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.

5 For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6 To him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through his Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.

SERMON

Offerings

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions

1 And can it be, that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain --
for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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2 'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.
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3 He left his Father's throne above, --
so free, so infinite his grace --
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race:
'tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!
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for, O my God, it found out me!

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
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BLESSING

Voluntary *Contrapunctus I* from *Die Kunst der Fuge* – J. S. Bach

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 25 1-10 (p.485)

1 To thee, O LORD, I lift up my soul. **2** O my God, in thee I trust, let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. **3** Yea, let none that wait for thee be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. **4** Make me to know thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. **5** Lead me in thy truth, and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation; for thee I wait all the day long. **6** Be mindful of thy mercy, O LORD, and of thy steadfast love, for they have been from of old. **7** Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O LORD! **8** Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. **9** He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. **10** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

1 Peter 3 18-22 (p.218)

18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; **19** in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison, **20** who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. **21** Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **22** who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

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.

Kirk Session: Zoom meeting Tuesday 23rd Feb @ 7.30pm,

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