



WELCOME

Sherbrooke Mosspark Parish Church

Sunday 22nd August 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein*, BWV 668a – J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Praise 141 Oh, the life of the world

1 Oh, the life of the world is a joy and a treasure,
unfolding in beauty the green-growing tree,
the changing of seasons in mountain and valley,
the stars and the bright restless sea.

2 Oh, the life of the world is a fountain of goodness
overflowing in labour and passion and pain,
in the sound of the city and the silence of wisdom,
in the birth of a child once again.

3 Oh, the life of the world is the source of our healing.
It rises in laughter and wells up in song ;
it springs from the care of the poor and the broken
and refreshes where justice is strong.

4 So give thanks for the life and give love to the Maker,
and rejoice in the gift of the bright risen Son,
and walk in the peace and the power of the Spirit
till the days of our living are done.

Prayers of approach, confession and the Lord's Prayer

Gospel Job 38: 2-24 The LORD Answers Job

(p.468)

2 Who are you to question my wisdom with your ignorant, empty words? 3 Now stand up straight and answer the questions I ask you. 4 Were you there when I made the world? If you know so much, tell me about it. 5 Who decided how large it would be? Who stretched the measuring line over it? Do you know all the answers? 6 What holds up the pillars that support the earth? Who laid the cornerstone of the world? 7 In the dawn of that day the stars sang together, and the heavenly beings shouted for joy. 8 Who closed the gates to hold back the sea when it burst from the womb of the earth? 9 It was I who covered the sea with clouds and wrapped it in darkness. 10 I marked a boundary for the sea and kept it behind bolted gates. 11 I told it, "So far and no farther! Here your powerful waves must stop." 12 Job, have you ever in all your life commanded a day to dawn? 13 Have you ordered the dawn to seize the earth and shake the wicked from their hiding places? 14 Daylight makes the hills and valleys stand out like the folds of a garment, clear as the imprint of a seal on clay. 15 The light of day is too bright for the wicked and restrains them from deeds of violence. 16 Have you been to the springs in the depths of the sea? Have you walked on the floor of the ocean? 17 Has anyone ever shown you the gates that guard the dark world of the dead? 18 Have you any idea how big the world is? Answer me if you know. 19 Do you know where the light comes from or what the source of darkness is? 20 Can you show them how far to go, or send them back again? 21 I am sure you can, because you're so old and were there when the world was made! 22 Have you ever visited the storerooms, where I keep the snow and the hail? 23 I keep them ready for times of trouble, for days of battle and war. 24 Have you been to the place where the sun comes up, or the place from which the east wind blows?

Anthem

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

Words: Is. 26:3a; Ps. 139:11; I John 1:5b; Ps. 119:175a; Matthew 6:13.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

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.

God is light and with Him is no darkness at all.

Oh let my soul live and it shall praise Thee.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

Epistle

Matthew 6: 24-34 God and Possessions

(p.6)

24 “No one can be a slave of two masters; he will hate one and love the other; he will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. 25 “This is why I tell you not to be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about clothes for your body. After all, isn't life worth more than food? And isn't the body worth more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds: they do not sow seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth much more than birds? 27 Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it? 28 “And why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow: they do not work or make clothes for themselves. 29 But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers. 30 It is God who clothes the wild grass — grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burnt up in the oven. Won't he be all the more sure to clothe you? How little faith you have! 31 “So do not start worrying: ‘Where will my food come from? or my drink? or my clothes?’ 32 (These are the things the pagans are always concerned about.) Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. 33 Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things. 34 So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings

Praise

238 Lord, bring the day to pass

1 Lord, bring the day to pass
when forest, rock, and hill,
the beasts, the birds, the grass,
will know your finished will :
when we attain our destiny
and nature lives in harmony.

2 Forgive our careless use
of water, ore, and soil —
the plenty we abuse
supplied by others' toil :
save us from making self our creed,
turn us towards each other's need.

3 Help us, when we release
creation's secret powers,
to harness them for peace,
our children's peace and ours :
teach us the art of mastering
in servant form, like Christ our King.

4 Creation groans, travails,
futile its present plight,
bound — till the hour it hails
God's children born of light :
that we may gain our true estate,
come, Lord, new heavens and earth create.

SERMON

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 craftsmen,
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.

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friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray,
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain.*

Offerings

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions

“What Can I Do?”

Our COP26 Group invite you to make a commitment, in light of today’s service, to do something that will help make a difference at this urgent moment. We suggest that you talk over these suggestions with your children or grandchildren, since that is where the biggest push for action is coming from. Here are our suggestions (you can choose more than one of them!):

- (A) You could offer to host someone coming to COP26 from overseas who can’t afford expensive hotel prices (there is further information on this on the church website and in our magazine, or go to <https://www.humanhotel.com/cop26/>). If you don’t have space to offer this, you could donate to help someone from the global south secure their visa to come to COP26 (see <https://cop26coalition.org/resource/apply-visa-support/>)
- (B) You could sign up to the Climate Coalition’s declaration “The Time Is Now”, and write to tell the Prime Minister and the First Minister you have done so and want them to take action on this. See below and <https://thetimeisnow.uk/declaration?partner=106>
- (C) You could make sure that your home’s energy supply is as green and renewable as possible. See <https://www.homeenergyscotland.org/make-greener-choices-at-home-on-the-go/> or <https://www.netzeronation.scot/>.
- (D) You could twin your bin with a recycling project in one of the world’s poorest countries, with a £45 donation through Tearfund (see <https://www.bintwinning.org/>)
- (E) You could be part of a Sherbrooke Mossspark group on a procession in Glasgow in the middle of the COP26 conference on 6 November (further details nearer the time)

You could make a real difference!

“The Time Is Now”

Dear Prime Minister

The time is now to lead the UK towards a healthier, greener, fairer future. Ahead of hosting the United Nations climate summit in Glasgow in 2021, we can build back better together if we:

Unleash investment in a clean energy revolution that boosts jobs across the UK, making our transport, power and housing fit for the future

Protect, restore and expand our green and wild spaces; allowing nature to thrive, taking carbon from the air and boosting the nation’s health

Leave no one behind by increasing support to those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change at home and abroad

The UK must lead the world by ensuring our recovery gets us on track to net-zero emissions and limits the rise in global temperature to 1.5 degrees C. Our best chance of building a resilient economy goes hand in hand with tackling climate change.

We are ready to play our part, and we call on you to join us.

1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
'How great thou art, how great thou art!'*
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2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look up from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

3 And when I think that God his Son not sparing,
sent him to die — I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home — what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

BLESSING

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: Following the recent guidance from the Scottish Government and Church of Scotland, we have been able to increase the capacity of our sanctuary to 100 people for worship with 10 people now able to sing in the choir. These encouraging developments are possible due to the reduction in distancing requirements from 2 metres to 1 metre. We do still need to retain our masks and keep attendance records. We would be delighted if you wish to attend for worship but would ask if you would continue to contact the office in advance, either through the website or via email

Congregations may wish to participate in responses such as The Lord's Prayer or the prayer responses. Care should be taken to ensure that these are offered quietly. Face coverings should be worn at all times.

The Readings are printed.

Our Climate Sunday Service today has been planned and will be led by members of our COP26 Group (including Sara Abbott, Graham Blount, Brenda Duthie, John Gormley, Jean Kilpatrick, Janet Lamb, Christine Macmillan and John Park), along with Rev Dr Martin Johnstone (Glasgow Churches COP26 Ambassador) whom we are glad to welcome as our guest preacher.

Runway's Concert Party have offered their support to "thatlooksgood Costume Suppliers" by presenting 2 concerts at their warehouse performance venue on Sunday 22nd August. Here's the link to the booking site- bit.ly/thatlooksgood if you would like to come along.



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Office Hours

The Office will be open Tuesday 9.00am – 5.00pm, Thursday 2-6pm & Friday 9.00 – 5.00pm

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