



**WELCOME**

# **Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church**

**Pentecost  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Voluntary**    *Komm, Heiliger Geist* (BWV 652) – J. S. Bach

**Call to Worship**    Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you prosper. May there be peace inside your walls and safety in your palaces. I say to Jerusalem, “Peace be with you” Psalm 122:6,7,8

**Praise**    113      God the Father of creation

1 God the Father of Creation  
source of life and energy  
your creative love so shapes us  
that we share your liberty.  
Teach us how to use this freedom  
Loving children all to be.

2 Jesus Christ our Lord and brother,  
in your cross we see the way  
To be servants for each other,  
caring, suffering every day.  
Teach us patience and obedience  
never from your path to stray.

3 Holy Spirit, love that binds us  
to the Father and the Son,  
giver of the joy that fills us  
yours the peace that makes us one,  
teach our hearts to be more open  
as we pray “God’s will be done”

4 Members of our Saviour’s body,  
here on earth his life to be,  
though we stand as different people,  
may we share the unity  
of the Father, Son and Spirit,  
perfect love in Trinity.

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

**Old  
Testament**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

(p.764 )

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; it was full of bones. 2 And he led me round among them; and behold, there were very many upon the valley; and lo, they were very dry. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, thou knowest." 4 Again he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And as I looked, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great host. 11 Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. 14 And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, says the LORD."

**Anthem**

*If ye love me* – T. Tallis

Words: St John 14:15-17a

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

**4** But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you of them. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. **5** But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' **6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. **8** And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: **9** concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; **10** concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more; **11** concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. **12** "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. **14** He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. **15** All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to yo

## Praise

## 595 O breath of life, come sweeping through me

1 O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your Church with life and power;  
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your Church to meet this hour.

2 O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need:  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore; for this we plead.

3 O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart:  
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your Church in every part.

4 Revive us, Lord! is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,  
equip your Church to spread the light.

## SERMON

**Praise****547 What a friend we have in Jesus.**

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
oh, what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations,  
is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?

Jesus is our only refuge:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

**Offerings****Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions****Praise****515      Soldiers of Christ arise**

1 Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
and put your armour on,  
strong in the strength which God supplies  
through his eternal Son;  
strong in the Lord of hosts,  
and in his mighty power;  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
is more than conqueror.

2 Stand, then, in his great might,  
with all his strength endued;  
and take, to arm you for the fight,  
the panoply of God.  
To keep your armour bright  
attend with constant care,  
still walking in your Captain's sight,  
and watching unto prayer.

3 From strength to strength go on,  
wrestle, and fight, and pray;  
tread all the powers of darkness down,  
and win the well-fought day,  
that, having all things done  
and all your conflicts passed,  
you may o'ercome through Christ alone,  
and stand complete at last.

## BLESSING

**Voluntary**    Fantasia Super: *Komm, Heiliger Geist* (BWV 651) – 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.

**The magazine group will be putting together a magazine with the copy date being 1/6/21. If you have any news you wish added please email it to the office ASAP. We are planning on having a second magazine going out later in June probably the last week. We will let you know the copy date.**

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