



Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church

Sacrament of Baptism

26th March 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary

Introit *Ah, holy Jesus (Herzliebster Jesu)* Words by Johann Heermann (1585-1647);

Music by Johann Crüger (1598-1662), arranged J S Bach (1685-1750)

Call to Worship

Praise 251 I, the Lord of Sea and sky

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Prayers of approach confession and the Lord's Prayer

Introduction to Baptism

Praise

636 Baptised in water

1 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king;
born of one Father,
we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Ivy Greenshields,
daughter of Jacqueline and Gavin Greenshields

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Praise

632 Our Children Lord in Faith and Prayer verses 1 and 4

1 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,
we now devote to you;
let them your covenant mercies share,
and your salvation true.

4 Dependent on your bounteous breath,
we seek your grace alone,
in every stage of life and death,
to keep us still your own.

**Old
Testament**

Isaiah 7:10-14

(p.605)

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah^[a] said: ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman^[b] is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.^[c]

Anthem

Ave verum corpus by W A Mozart (1759-1795)

Ave verum corpus
natum ex Maria Virgine
Vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

Jesu, Word of God incarnate,
of the Virgin Mary born;
On the Cross Thy sacred Body,
for us all with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the Blood and Water
streaming from Thy pierced side.
Feed us with Thy Body broken,
now and in death's agony.

**New
Testament**

Luke 1:26-38

(p.53)

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.’^[a] ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’^[b] ³⁵ The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born^[c] will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.’ ³⁸ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

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.

SERMON

Mary? But its Easter, not Christmas!

**Organ
Voluntary**

Herzlich thut mich verlangen (O Sacred Head, sore wounded) (BWV727) -
J S Bach

Praise**286 Tell out my soul**

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forever more!

Blessing

Voluntary *Toccata in seven* - John Rutter

Welcome to this Service

Midweek Service: Thursday morning 10am

Kirk Session: the next Session meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th March 2023, 7.30pm.

Easter Services

- Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday, Sherbrooke Mossspark, 10.30am
- Monday 3rd April – Ecumenical Christian Passover Service, Ibrox Parish Church, 7pm
The Passover service at Ibrox will offer a light supper afterwards. If you are interested in attending, could you please let Clare Williams know for catering numbers.
- Thursday 6th April – Maundy Thursday communion, 7pm
- Friday 7th April – Good Friday service at Ibrox Parish Church, 7pm
- Sunday 9th April – Easter breakfast 9.30am, Easter Sunday service 10.30am

29th March Ukrainian Community Afternoon: the ship at Braehead is nearly empty and the community of Ukrainians once housed there has been shifted around Scotland. The local demand has lessened and our last event had fewer attendees, but those that came were very enthusiastic and were a different group, thus we intend to hold the Community Afternoon again this Wednesday 29th March 3pm – 5pm. We look forward to an afternoon of English lessons, chat, support and excellent fare. Thank you again for everyone giving time to this community. Nigel and Mags.

Coffee Morning: “Henry Abbott and Nicholas Richmond from the 159 Scouts are holding a Korean-themed coffee morning as part of their fundraising efforts for their upcoming trip to the World Scout Jamboree to South Korea.

It will be held in the church hall on Saturday 1st April from 10am-12noon. The boys have organised a quiz, guess the weight of the sweetie jar and a tombola stall.

We hope that as many people as possible will be able to come along, enjoy some home baking and support the Scouts.”

Ukrainian Session on Egg Decoration

We have twenty places for this one off session run by Natalia (wife of Andraii who many of you will have met). The session on Wednesday 5th April will be from 2-5pm in the Small Hall. As I have more detail I will pass this on. I do know that this is part of their (Ukrainians') desire to pass something back to SMP, to continue to exchange cultural ideas and get an understanding of the gifts people have. I think this will be a very special event. The best way to register will be to contact Mags Cargey, myself or Clare. Thank you, Nigel



THE FLOWER COMMITTEE: will be in the church on Good Friday 7th April to prepare the Easter flowers anyone wishing to join them would be most welcome. Please speak to Hazel Hill.

Easter Breakfast Sunday 9th April: Join us at our traditional Easter Breakfast at 09.30. Tickets will be available for purchase until Sunday 2nd April. Adults £5 5-16s £2.50. Please let the Social Committee know of any dietary requirements. Julian will organise the usual Easter Egg Hunt for the young folk after the service.

The Plant Sale – Saturday 13th May – Save the Date - Calling all gardeners

To make the sale more interesting (and make more profit!) we need to have lots of home-grown plants to add to those supplied by McLaren's. When you are tidying up your garden for spring please pot up plants and seedlings for the sale rather than putting them on the compost heap. If you need any information about the sale please contact Marjorie McGhie 07729331894 or Stuart Hislop 07774116659

Christian Aid Week 2023 ‘Save the Date’

Hello everyone.

This is a ‘Heads up’ about this year’s Christian Aid Week which is **14th - 20th May 2023**. I have ordered envelopes for donations which I will distribute much nearer the date. Hopefully this year we could again have stalls for craft donations - cards, knitting, chutneys, home baking etc. with all proceeds going to Christian Aid. The stalls would be held after the service on Sunday 21st May so that we don’t clash with the Plant Sale.

Contact info : email: ruth.mccluskey@hotmail.com Thank You Ruth

Life and Work: we are still outstanding some monies for this year’s subscriptions, if you have not paid your subscription fee for this year’s magazine please can you hand or post in your subscription monies to the office for next week

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