



WELCOME

**Sherbrooke Mossspark
Parish Church**

Sunday 29th August 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary *Solemn Melody* – H. Walford Davies

Call to Worship

Praise 498 Angel voices ever singing

1 Angel voices ever singing
round your throne of light,
angel harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless you
and confess you
Lord of might.

2 Lord, we know your heart rejoices
in each work divine,
you did ears and hands and voices
for your praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for your pleasure
all combine.

3 In your house our gifts we offer
from your love so free;
and for your acceptance proffer
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.

4 Honour, glory, might, and merit
yours shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Earth and heaven join in praising,
voices raising
joyfully.

Prayers of approach, confession and the Lord's Prayer

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

(p.171)

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men; but what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. **12** We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to be proud of us, so that you may be able to answer those who pride themselves on a man's position and not on his heart. **13** For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. **14** For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. **15** And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. **16** From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. **17** Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. **18** All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **20** So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Anthem*Blessed are the pure in heart* – H. Walford Davies

Words: J Keble

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth Himself impart,
And for His cradle and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Gospel

Matthew 5 1-16

(p.4)

1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. **2** And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: **3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. **5** "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. **6** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. **7** "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. **8** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. **9** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. **10** "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you. **13** "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. **14** "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. **15** Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Praise

341 Blest are they, the poor in spirit

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of god.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

Rejoice and Be Glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see god!

Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of god.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of god is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see.

SERMON
“The Language of Faith”

Praise 542 Lord speak to me

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

3 O strengthen me, that, while I stand
firm on the rock, secure and free,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

4 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things which you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

5 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

6 O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where,
until at last your face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Offerings

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Praise

500 Lord of creation

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and power are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart;
your love to inflame me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if I should disown you, I stumble and fall;
but, sworn in your service your word to obey,
and walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

BLESSING

Voluntary Postlude (Op. 101, No. 2) – C. V. Stanford

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.

Kirk Session: our next Kirk Session will be held on Tuesday 7th September at 7.30pm (Janis – will confirm whether this is via zoom or in person by the end of the week)

Our COP26 Group want to thank all who returned commitment post-its following last Sunday's service, and encourage those who haven't yet done so to bring them next week. For the past year, we have been praying about Climate Change on the first Sunday of each month at 5pm as part of Christian Aid's prayer chain. Next Sunday (5 September), we will be doing so in a short act of evening worship in church at 5pm and anyone will be very welcome to join us in this.

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Office Hours

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

All intimations to Janis by 10am on Friday: sherbrooke-init@btconnect.com