



WELCOME

**Sherbrooke Mosspark
Parish Church**

Sunday 31st October 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary Improvisation on "Vision"

Call to Worship

Praise 63 All people that on earth do dwell

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom earth and heaven adore,
be glory, as it was of old.
is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

Prayers of approach confession and the Lord's Prayer

All Age Talk

Autumn Prayer

O Loving Lord,(both hands up) may your love surround us (wrap arms round body)

As the weather gets colder (wrap and shiver)

As the leaves fall from the trees (hands sway sideways like falling leaves)

As the darkness of the night gets longer (cover eyes, then widen arms)

And the brightness of the day gets shorter. (hands like suns, coming closer)

Let us joyfully give thanks (suddenly both hands up and smile) in all our prayers. (hands together and head bowed) Amen

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.

21 "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!
22 Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. **23** "Be glad, O sons of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD, your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before. **24** "The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. **25** I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. **26** "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. **27** You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame. **28** "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. **29** Even upon the menservants and maidservants in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

Anthem *Fear not, O land* – W. Harris
Words: Joel 2:21–6

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. Be not afraid ye beasts of the field. For the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God. The floors shall be full of wheat and ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God that hath dealt so wondrously with you.

New Testament Luke 13:18-21 & Matthew 16:5-12

(p.72 & 16)

18 He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? **19** It is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his garden; and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." **20** And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? **21** It is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

5 When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. **6** Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sad'ducees." **7** And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "We brought no bread." **8** But Jesus, aware of this, said, "O men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? **9** Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? **10** Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? **11** How is it that you fail to perceive that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sad'ducees." **12** Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sad'ducees.

Praise 641 Seek ye first

1 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you,
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you.
seek and ye shall find;
knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia.

3 You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
allelu, alleluia

SERMON

Praise 251 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)

Offerings **Prayer of Dedication, Thanksgiving & Intercession**

Praise 705 It is God who holds the nations

1 It is God who hold the nations in the hollow of his hand;
it is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the land;
it is God who builds the city on the rock and not on sand:
may the living God be praised!

2 It is God whose purpose summons us to use the present hour;
who recalls us to our senses when a nation's life turns sour;
in the discipline of freedom we shall know his saving power:
may the living God be praised!

4 God reminds us every sunrise that the world is ours on lease -
for the sake of life tomorrow, may our love for it increase;
may all people live together, share its riches, be at peace:
may the living God be praised!

BLESSING

Voluntary *Coronation March* – G. Meyerbeer (arr. B. Hesford)

Notices

Covid Health & Safety Framework update: following the meeting of the Covid sub-committee on 27th September, various changes have been made to our health and safety framework with effect from Sunday 3rd October. Further details can be found on the Church website; the key aspects are:

- **Masks:** to be worn inside the sanctuary (throughout the service) and in the hall while moving around
- **Singing:** please stand and sing with your masks on for all hymns if you wish.
- **Seating:** a return of the church pews with no allocation of seating; prebooking of seats to remain.
- **Movement between Sanctuary and Halls:** either through the side door or double doors next to the organ. Please take your time and keep your distance.
- **Tea and Coffee:** we've taken every precaution to keep us all safe which means wearing a mask when not seated, sanitising, sitting at tables and individually wrapped biscuits. Please bring your own cup if you would prefer although recyclable disposables will be used. It's not yet back to normal, but the benefits of meeting up and chatting is worth the effort we think.

COP26 News

As the COP26 Climate Change Conference comes closer, we are hearing more and more about it in the news (and expecting quite a bit of disruption in getting around Glasgow in the next few weeks). Some of us are looking forward to welcoming a guest (ours is from Egypt), and our church is being used for some COP-related events. The Glasgow Churches have set up a Welcome Hub for pilgrims, delegates and others coming to Glasgow for the COP; it will be at the Salvation Army in Anderston, and we are looking for volunteers to assist the welcome team there from between 8am and 8pm from 29 October - 12 November (excluding 6/7 November). If you are able to do this it would be much appreciated, as well as being potentially a really interesting experience. However, if you are offering times when you could help, please take account of transport issues (greater in the Anderston area, with the Clydeside Expressway etc closed).

If you are able to help, please send your available times to Audrey Kelly, COP26 Administrator, Glasgow Churches Together (email: cop26office@glasgowchurches.org.uk or phone: 07423 245843; contact her if you have any questions. Global Day for Climate Justice (6th November 2021): If you haven't already done so, please sign up to be part of the faiths & beliefs bloc on the march from Kelvingrove Park to Glasgow Green on the 6th November. You can sign up and find more information at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faiths-beliefs-bloc-cop26-tickets-185221351047?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1. The hope is that as many as 100,000 people will march through Glasgow that afternoon, crying out for climate justice for the planet and the poorest. Let's make sure that thousands of those are people from our churches and that we are amongst them.

Here at Sherbrooke Mossbank, we have an evening of Taize music and worship on Wednesday 10 November from 7pm. Further details are on the website but this is a great opportunity open to all in the congregation.

National Giving Day: we are delighted to report that we raised £4893 at our National Giving Day event on 3rd October. As planned, the money raised will be directed towards our church property requirements as well as supporting our local charities. Thank you all for your generous donations.

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