



WELCOM_E



Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church

3rd. Sunday in Lent
Sunday 7th. March 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary *Paduana Lachrimae* – J. Sweelinck

**Call to
Worship** The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and a new mind. I will take
away your stubborn heart of stone and give you an obedient heart.
(Book of Common Worship, PC, USA)

Praise 450 Christ is the world's Redeemer

1 Christ is the world's redeemer,
the lover of the pure,
the fount of heavenly wisdom,
our trust and hope secure;
the armour of his soldiers,
the lord of earth and sky;
our health while we are living,
our life when we shall die.

2 Christ has our host surrounded
with clouds of martyrs bright,
who wave their palms in triumph
and fire us for the fight.
For Christ the cross ascended
to save a world undone,
and, suffering for the sinful,
our full redemption won.

3 Down in the realm of darkness
he lay a captive bound,
but at the hour appointed
he rose, a victor crowned;
and now, to heaven ascended,
he sits upon the throne
in glorious dominion,
his Father's and his own.

4 Glory to God the Father,
the unbegotten One;
all honour be to Jesus,
his sole-begotten Son:
and to the Holy Spirit --
the perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer.
'Amen, so let it be'.

Prayers (Sung Kyrie) Merbecke

This is the ancient prayer of the Church asking for God's mercy upon us.

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| Kyrie eleison, | Lord have mercy, |
| Christe eleison | Christ have mercy |
| Kyrie eleison | Lord have mercy |

Prayer for the Day Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Old Testament

Exodus 20:1-17

(p.64)

1 And God spoke all these words, saying, 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 "You shall have no other gods before me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. 8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labour, and do all your work; 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; 11 for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it. 12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you. 13 "You shall not kill. 14 "You shall not commit adultery. 15 "You shall not steal. 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 17 "You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbour's."

Anthem *Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord – R. Farrant*

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee
and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake,
deliver us from all our sins.

Gospel St John 2:13-22 (p.88)

13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. **15** And making a whip of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. **16** And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade." **17** His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for thy house will consume me." **18** The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" **19** Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." **20** The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" **21** But he spoke of the temple of his body. **22** When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

Praise 555 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

SERMON

Offerings

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Praise

540 I heard the voice of Jesus say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

BLESSING

Voluntary *Mein junges Leben hat ein End'* – J. Sweelinck

Additional Readings for each Sunday. On any one Sunday there is actually four Readings: Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel. All these readings would be used if we were having our “normal Service” so we have listed the Readings (not used) for this Sunday below. We will do this each week.

Psalm 19 (p.481)

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. **2** Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. **3** There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; **4** yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, **5** which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. **6** Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and there is nothing hid from its heat. **7** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; **8** the precepts of the

LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; **9** the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. **10** More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. **11** Moreover by them is thy servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. **12** But who can discern his errors? Clear thou me from hidden faults. **13** Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. **14** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

1 Corinthians 1 18-25 (p.156)

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." **20** Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? **21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. **22** For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, **23** but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, **24** but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Notes:

As we are no longer able, under the current regulations issued by the Scottish Government, to admit anyone who is not essential for the streaming of our Services the only people present each week is the organist the audio output person and the minister.

This necessitates a very different Order from our usual 'Order of Service'

The Readings are printed

The Young Church talk is on the website each weekend and Messy Church will produce a video every month covering the topic for that month. This also will be on the church website.

Kirk Session: Zoom meeting Wednesday 10th March @ 7.30pm, please can you advise the office by email or telephone if you will or will not be present on the night by Tuesday 9th March.

Useful Information:

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