



WELCOME

Sherbrooke Mosspark Parish Church

Sunday 8th August 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary Voluntary in A minor, Op. 7, No. 8 – J. Stanley

Call to Worship

Praise 214 New every morning is the love

1 New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove,
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life, and power, and thought.

2 New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray, –
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

3 If, on our daily course, our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

4 The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask, –
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.

5 Prepare us, Lord, in your dear love,
for perfect life with you above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

Prayers of approach confession and the Lord's Prayer

Epistle Colossians 1:24-29

(p.188)

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, **25** of which I became a minister according to the divine office which was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, **26** the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now made manifest to his saints. **27** To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. **28** Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ. **29** For this I toil, striving with all the energy which he mightily inspires within me.

Anthem *O Jesu Christ, meus Lebens Licht* – J. S. Bach
Words: M. Behm (Translation in italics)

O Jesu Christ, meus Lebens Licht,
Oh Jesus Christ, my life's light,
Mein Hort, mein Trost, mein' Zuversicht,
my refuge, my comfort, my confidence,
Auf Erden bin ich nur ein Gast,
on earth I am only a visitor
Und drückt mich sehr der Sünden Last.
and the burden of sin presses heavily upon me.

Gospel Matthew 18:1-14, 19:13-15

(p 18)

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" **2** And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them, **3** and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **4** Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **5** "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; **6** but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. **7** "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the man by whom the temptation comes! **8** And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. **9** And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. **10** "See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. **12** What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? **13** And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. **14** So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. **13** Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people; **14** but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." **15** And he laid his hands on them and went away.

Praise

97 O God you search me and you know me

O', God, you search me, and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting, you besiege me:
in ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

SERMON
“Mystery & Simplicity

Praise 478 Behold the amazing gift of love

1 Behold the amazing gift of love
the Father hath bestowed
on us, in calling us his own,
the children of our God!

2 Concealed as yet this honour lies,
by this dark world unknown,
a world that knew not when he came,
even God's eternal Son.

3 High is the rank we now possess;
but higher we shall rise,
though what we shall hereafter be
is hid from mortal eyes.

4 Our souls, we know, when he appears,
shall bear his image bright;
for all his glory, full disclosed,
shall open to our sight.

5 A hope so great and so divine
may trials well endure;
and purge the soul from sense and sin,
as Christ himself is pure.

Offerings

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Praise

519 Love divine

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

BLESSING

Voluntary Prelude & Fugue in C minor, BWV 549 – 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: 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.

The Morning Service on Sunday 22nd August will be our Climate Sunday Service, led by members of our COP26 Group and Rev Dr Martin Johnstone, Glasgow Churches COP26 Ambassador.

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