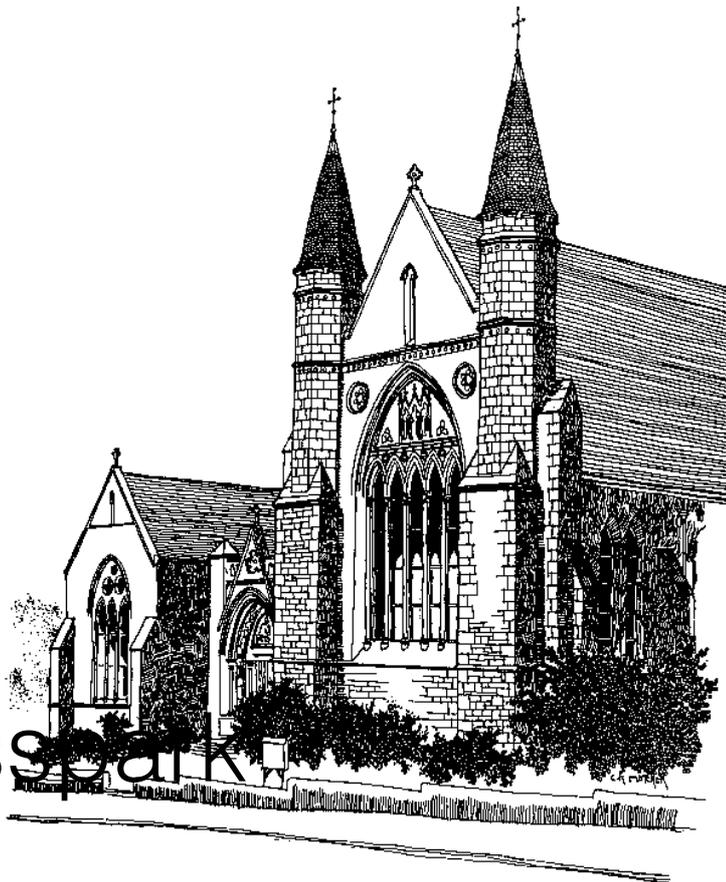


Welcome



Sherbrooke Mosspark Parish Church

1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday, 29th. November 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary *"K' A Mura'* – F. Sowando
"Let us prepare, ye band of Christians, to meet above"

WELCOME

Praise 273 O come, O come Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

3 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

4 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

5 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

Prayers (sung Kyrie) MacMillan

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

Kyrie eleison	Lord have mercy
Christe eleison	Christ have mercy
Kyrie eleison	Lord have mercy

Collect for Today Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Book of Common Worship, PC,USA**

Candle lighting liturgy:

Reader: If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we have lived through: everything is different, 2020 looks a real mess. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

Lighting of the candle

Reader: We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. Hope that God can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that God still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.

1st Reading Isaiah 64 1-9

(p.658)

1 O that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at thy presence-- 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make thy name known to thy adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at thy presence! 3 When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains quaked at thy presence. 4 From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides thee, who works for those who wait for him. 5 Thou meetest him that joyfully works righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways. Behold, thou wast angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one that calls upon thy name, that bestirs himself to take hold of thee; for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast delivered us into the hand of our iniquities. 8 Yet, O LORD, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou art our potter; we are all the work of thy hand. 9 Be not exceedingly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity for ever. Behold, consider, we are all thy people.

Anthem *Matins Responsory* – G. Palestrina

I look from afar:

and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar:

and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, **25** and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. **26** And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. **27** And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. **28** "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. **29** So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. **30** Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before all these things take place. **31** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. **32** "But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33** Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come. **34** It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. **35** Watch therefore--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning-- **36** lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. **37** And what I say to you I say to all: Watch."

Praise

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Longing for light, we wait in darkness

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed *Refrain*

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. *Refrain*

ADDRESS

Offerings Our offerings are used to support the work of the church here at Sherbrooke Mossspark and further afield.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving, Dedication and
Intercession for the Church and world**

Praise

476 Mine eyes have seen the glory

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fatal lightning of his terrible swift sword:

his truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah,

glory, glory, Hallelujah,

glory, glory, Hallelujah,

his truth is marching on.

2 He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out all human hearts before his judgment seat;

O, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!

Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah,

glory, glory, Hallelujah,

glory, glory, Hallelujah,

our God is marching on.

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:

as he died to make us holy, let us die to make all free,

while God is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah,

glory, glory, Hallelujah,

glory, glory, Hallelujah,

while God is marching on.

4 He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;

he is wisdom to the mighty; he is succour to the brave;

so the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of time his slave:

our God is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah,

glory, glory, Hallelujah,

glory, glory, Hallelujah,

our God is marching on.

BLESSING

Voluntary Fantasy on "Veni Emmanuel" – K. Leighton

WELCOME we are glad you are able to be with us today.

Sherbrooke Mosspark,

Dear All, As you will be aware Glasgow will move to Level 4 from Friday. One of the changes required of Level 4 is that the number attending public worship is significantly reduced. A maximum of only 20 people can attend. This number includes the Minister, Beadle, organist, soloist, reader and those streaming the service. Given this, the Kirk Session agreed last week that, should Level 4 apply, our Sunday service will be streamed and only those in the roles mentioned above will be able to attend in person. All bookings for Sunday services for the next 3 weeks will therefore be cancelled. I know this is disappointing but unfortunately it is the safest way to proceed. Like you I hope it is only for 3 weeks. At present we hope to continue with the Thursday service. Should this change we will let you know as soon as possible. **Regards Marie Session Clerk**

Life and Work: Subscriptions for next year's Life and Work are now due. The cost for an annual subscription (12 issues) is **£30**. Please pass your cash/cheques (made payable to the Church) to the office.

AM Chorus: Virtual Christmas Concert - 6pm on 20 December 2020

A date for your diary. The AM Chorus invites the whole congregation to join them in their Virtual Christmas Concert at 6 pm on 20 December 2020. Videos, words and, where appropriate, scores will be made available to all. Watch the website for details. Enjoy Christmas music and join in the singing in the comfort of your own home.

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