



WELCOME

**Sherbrooke Mosspark
Parish Church**

Sunday 26th September 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary *Vater unser im Himmelreich – G. Böhm*

**Call to
Worship** *Here in this place, there are no outsiders,
for all are welcome in God's house.
Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
for love is the language of faith.
Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
for God dwells in each of us.
Come, let us worship in unity and love.*

Praise 198 Let us build a house

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and
true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let
this house proclaim from floor to rafter (Refrain)

Prayers of approach confession and the Lord's Prayer

1 "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. **2** Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. **3** 'Why have we fasted, and thou seest it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and thou takest no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. **4** Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. **5** Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a man to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? **6** "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? **7** Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? **8** Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. **9** Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am.

Anthem *Notre Père* – M. Duruflé

Notre Père qui es aux Cieux,
Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Que Ton nom soit sanctifié,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Que Ton règne vienne,
Thy Kingdom come,
Que Ta volonté soit faite,
Thy will be done
sur la Terre comme au Ciel.
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour,
Give us this day our daily bread,
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
And forgive us our debts,
comme nous pardonnons à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
as we forgive our debtors,
Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation,
And lead us not into temptation,
Mais délivre-nous du Mal.
But deliver us from evil.

Gospel Matthew 6: 1-18

(p.5)

1 "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. **2** "Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. **3** But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, **4** so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. **5** "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. **6** But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. **7** "And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. **8** Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. **9** Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. **10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. **11** Give us this day our daily bread; **12** And forgive us our debts, As we also have forgiven our debtors; **13** And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. **14** For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; **15** but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. **16** "And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. **17** But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, **18** that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Praise

562 Through the love of God our saviour

1 Through the love of God, our Saviour,
all will be well.
Free and changeless is his favour;
all, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
all must be well.

2 Though we pass through tribulation,
all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation,
all, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding,
fruitful, if in Christ abiding,
holy, through the Spirit's guiding;
all must be well.

3 We expect a bright tomorrow;
all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
'All, all is well.'
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
in our living, in our dying,
all must be well.

SERMON
“ True religion “

Praise

532 Lord, you have come to the seashore

1 Lord, you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.

*O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name;
all I longed for I have
found by the water,
at your side, I will seek other shores.*

2 Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then,
my nets and labour? (Refrain)

3 Lord, take my hands and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me. (Refrain)

4 Lord, as I drift on the waters,
be the resting place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge. (Refrain)

Offerings

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Praise

476 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord

- 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 *Vater unser im Himmelreich* (BWV 737) – 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

Covid Health & Safety Review – Changes

Following last night's Kirk Session, the following changes were agreed. They will take effect from this Sunday 12th September.

- Chairs – all red fabric chairs will be used within the sanctuary. They will be cleaned with our fabric cleaner after the service if the Sanctuary is to be used within 3 days
- Attendees to be allocated to specific chairs (as is currently the case)
- Masks to be used by everyone (unless exempt)
- One metre distancing to be retained
- Singing:
 - Choir will continue to stand and sing without masks throughout the service
 - Congregational singing:
 - Please sit and sing hymns while wearing masks
 - If people wish, they can stand and sing the last hymn wearing masks
 - The congregation will be asked to remain standing for the final blessing

The Kirk Session agreed to take a cautious approach with lifting the restrictions in order to ensure that our congregation feel safe and comfortable in our sanctuary. We are currently establishing a framework through which further changes can be made at a steady and suitable pace as we move forward.

Covid Sub-Committee

Clare Williams, Una Heaney, Julian Guse, Kary O'Brien

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Notices

National Giving Day - Sunday 3rd October 2021 An initiative from the Church of Scotland to allow congregations to hold a fund raising event after the last year of living through Covid-19. Any monies raised can be directed towards our church property requirements as well as supporting our local charities. The Kirk Session agreed to wrap this initiative into our usual Harvest Festival and tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service. Could we ask for Food Bank Donations (tinned food, teabags, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste) as well as support after the service for what will be our annual fund raising event.

Let Glasgow's COP Flourish"

Next Sunday evening (3 October) at 6.30pm, Sherbrooke Mossspark will be hosting an inspirational evening of ecumenical prayer, worship and information ahead of the COP 26 Climate Change conference (organised by Glasgow Presbytery). Members of the congregation and friends are invited to join in this event. You can join in person (go to [HTTPS://LET_GLASGOW_COP_FLOURISH.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK](https://letglasgowcopflourish.eventbrite.co.uk) to register) or watch online via the church website.

Messy Church: New video for September on website.