

Welcome



Sherbrooke Mosspark
Parish Church



2nd. Sunday of Advent
Sunday, 6th. December 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* (BWV 645) – J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Praise 472 Come thou long expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine own sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Prayers (sung Kyrie) Gormley

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 God of all peoples, your servant John came baptizing and calling for repentance. Help us to hear his voice of judgment, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace.

Book of Common Worship, PC,USA

Candle lighting liturgy:

Reader One: Our lists are long, even in this strange mess where we live these days. And we want to do it right, we want to be safe, but we want to be able to enjoy the season. We've got work to do to put right what has gone wrong, to heal what is broken, to mend the relationships, and to prepare for the company that will come.

Lighting of the 2nd. candle

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah reminded us that there is work to be done. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." When God comes in, then healing is to be found, but we need to make the way; we need to open the door into our lives.

1st Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

(p.633)

1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. **2** Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. **3** A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. **4** Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. **5** And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." **6** A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. **7** The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people is grass. **8** The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. **9** Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" **10** Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. **11** He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Anthem *Comfort ye and Ev'ry valley from Messiah* (HWV56) – G. F. Handel

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (*Isaiah 40: 1-3*)

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight and the rough places plain. (*Isaiah 40: 4*)

Gospel Mark 1:1-8 (p.)

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **2** As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; **3** the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight--" **4** John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5 And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. **7** And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. **8** I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Praise 278 Wake, awake for night is flying.

1 'Wake, awake! for night is flying',
the watchmen on the heights are crying.
'Awake, Jerusalem, at last!'
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
'Come forth, you virgins, night is past!
The Bridegroom comes; awake,
your lamps with gladness take,
Alleluia!
and for his marriage feast prepare,
for ye must go and meet him there.'

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing;
she wakes, she rises from her gloom;
for the Lord comes down all-glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious;
her Star is risen, her Light is come!
Now come, O blessèd One,
God's own belovèd Son,
Alleluia!
We follow to the festal hall
to sup with you, the Lord of all.

3 All the heavens and earth adore you,
and saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone;
Zion's gates of pearl before us
resound as angels sing in chorus
and lead us to your dazzling throne.
No mortal eye nor ear
can comprehend or bear
such great glory;
but we rejoice and sing the song,
Alleluia! through ages long.

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 274 Comfort, comfort now my people;

1 Comfort, comfort now my people;
speak of peace - so says your God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
burdened by a heavy load.
To Jerusalem proclaim:
God shall take away your shame.
Now get ready to recover;
guilt and suffering are over.

2 Hear the herald's proclamation
in the desert far and near,
calling all to true repentance,
telling that the Lord is near.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
For your God prepare a way.
Let the valleys rise to greet him
and the hills bow down to meet him.

3 Straighten out what has been crooked,
make the roughest places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
live as fits God's holy reign.
Soon the glory of the Lord
shall on earth be shed abroad.
All the world shall surely see it,
God is ready to decree it.

BLESSING

Voluntary *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (BWV 661) – *J. S. Bach*

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.

Gift Service Sunday 13th December: As is our usual custom we are supporting the LHM and the Preshal Trust at this year's Gift Service., gift sets for men, women and children – unwrapped please would be very much appreciated. These gifts will be given to the charities after the Gift service on Sunday 13th December. **Chocolate:** we are also collecting individual bars of chocolate (single mars bars, milky ways, etc.).

Donations can be dropped off at the office 0141 427 1968

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Thursday 9am – 1pm & Friday 9am – 3pm**

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