



WELCOME

Sherbrooke Mosspark Parish Church

Harvest / National Giving Day
Sunday 3rd October 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary *K'A mura* – F. Sowande

Call to Worship

Praise 233 Come, You Thankful People, Come

- 1 Come, you thankful people, come,
 raise the song of harvest-home :
 all is safely gathered in,
 ere the winter storms begin ;
 God, our Maker, will provide
 for our needs to be supplied :
 come to God's own temple, come ;
 raise the song of harvest-home.

- 2 All this world is God's own field,
 bearing fruit his praise to yield ;
 wheat and tares together sown,
 are to joy or sorrow grown ;
 the blade and then the ear,
 then the full corn shall appear :
 Lord of harvest, grant that we
 wholesome grain and pure may be.

- 3 For the Lord our God shall come,
 and shall take his harvest home ;
 from his field shall in that day
 all offences purge away ;
 give his angels charge at last
 in the fire the tares to cast,
 but the fruitful ears to store
 in his storehouse evermore.

- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly, come ;
 bring your final harvest home :
 gather all your people in,
 free from sorrow, free from sin ;
 there, for ever purified,
 in your presence to abide :
 come, with all your angels come,
 raise the glorious harvest-home !

Prayers of approach confession and the Lord's Prayer "Pushing the Boat Out"

181 For the Beauty of the Earth

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies :
*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*
- 2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light :
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight :
- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild :
- 5 For each perfect gift and sign
of your love so freely given,
graces human and divine,
of earth and buds of heaven :

**Old
Testament**

Micah 6.6-8

(p.821)

6 With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Anthem *Jubilate in B flat* – C. V. Stanford
Words: Psalm 100

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves : we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end.
Amen.

Gospel Mark 12.38-13.2 (p.47)

38 As he taught, Jesus said, ‘Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the market-places, 39 and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. 40 They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.’

41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few pence.

43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on.’

1 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!’ 2 ‘Do you see all these great buildings?’ replied Jesus. ‘Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.’

Praise 655 For Your Generous Providing (v1,2)

- 1 For your generous providing
which sustains us all our days,
for your Spirit here residing,
we proclaim our heartfelt praise.
Through the depths of joy and sorrow,
though the road be smooth or rough,
fearless, we can face tomorrow
for your grace will be enough.

- 2 Hush our world's seductive noises
tempting us to stand alone ;
save us from the siren voices
calling us to trust our own.
For those snared by earthly treasure,
lured by false security,
Jesus, true and only measure,
spring the trap to set folk free.

- 3 Round your table, through your giving,
show us how to live and pray
till your kingdom's way of living
is the bread we share each day :
bread for us and for our neighbour,
bread for body, mind, and soul,
bread of heaven and human labour —
broken bread that makes us whole.

SERMON

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care ;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
- 4 Lord, for our world ; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain ;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 5 Lord, for ourselves ; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne ;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Offerings **Prayer of Response, National Giving Day**

Praise 182 Now Thank We All Our God

- 1 Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices ;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

- 3 All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven —
the Father and the Son
and Spirit — now be given :
the one, eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore ;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

BLESSING

Voluntary Chorale Prelude "Nun danket alle Gott" (BWV 657) – J. S. Bach

Notices

Covid Health & Safety Framework update: following the meeting of the Covid sub-committee on 27th September, various changes have been made to our health and safety framework with effect from Sunday 3rd October. Further details can be found on the Church website; the key aspects are:

- **Masks:** to be worn inside the sanctuary (throughout the service) and in the hall while moving around
- **Singing:** please stand and sing with your masks on for all hymns if you wish.
- **Seating:** a return of the church pews with no allocation of seating; prebooking of seats to remain.
- **Movement between Sanctuary and Halls:** either through the side door or double doors next to the organ. Please take your time and keep your distance.
- **Tea and Coffee:** we've taken every precaution to keep us all safe which means wearing a mask when not seated, sanitising, sitting at tables and individually wrapped biscuits. Please bring your own cup if you would prefer although recyclable disposables will be used. It's not yet back to normal, but the benefits of meeting up and chatting is worth the effort we think.

Covid Sub-Committee

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

National Giving Day: today is our National Giving Day, 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.

DONATIONS: thank you for any donations you have made this morning towards our Food Bank initiative for the Trussell Trust. In the hall after the service, there will be an opportunity to make any financial donations towards a significant fund raising event for our church community.

Voting for our Sole Nominee, Adam Dillon: if you haven't voted already, please return your completed ballot paper in the envelope provided by 12 noon today, Sunday 3rd October. The ballot box is positioned at the back of the church.

Kirk Session - the Count: will occur at the Kirk Session on Tuesday 5th October at 12 noon after which we will announce the result of the ballot.

The Call: following the ballot result, the Interim Moderator will invite all members of our congregation to subscribe to the Call. The Call is a signed list of all those who wish Adam to be our next minister and will be available for people to sign over the next few weeks – either in the office or at Church. If you are not on the Electoral Register but would like to endorse Adam's ministry with us, please sign the Paper of Concurrence which is positioned alongside the Call. The Call and Paper of Concurrence will close on 14th October so please sign as soon as you can. If you are unable to sign the Call/Paper of Concurrence and would like someone to sign it on your behalf, please contact Clare Williams, Session Clerk for further details.

Many thanks

Clare

Let Glasgow's COP Flourish"

This 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://LET_GLASGOW_COP_FLOURISH.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK) to register) or watch online via the church website.

Paper Boats: could you please bring or send your paper boat(s) to our church by 10th October or post direct to - PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT , by 15th October. An art installation will be made with all the boats and brought up to the COP26 Conference in Glasgow and put on display! Be a part of a better future.

Minister: Graham & Sheila Blount

Organist: John Gormley

Beadle: Cameron Aitken

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