

Welcome



Sherbrooke Mossspark **Parish Church**

4th. Sunday of Advent
Sunday, 20th. December 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary Magnificat I & II (Op. 18, Nos. 10 & 11) – M. Dupré

WELCOME

Praise 286 Tell out my soul

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more!

Prayers (sung Kyrie) Ukrainian

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 grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ the ruler of all, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Book of Common Worship,

PC,USA

Candle lighting liturgy:

Reader: We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery. Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now. We forget that company is coming.

Lighting of the 4th. candle

Reader: We light these candles with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of God. Even when we forget to listen, to lean into that presence, God is as close as our own breath. This, in a confused and confusing world, is a peace that passes all understanding. It is the peace that knows that company is coming.

1st Reading

Isaiah 11: 1-9

(p.609)

1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. **2** And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. **3** And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; **4** but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. **5** Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. **6** The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. **7** The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. **8** The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. **9** They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Anthem Magnificat (fauxbourdon) - Th. Morley

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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 Luke 1: 26-37 (p.53)

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, **27** to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" **29** But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. **30** And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. **32** He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." **34** And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" **35** And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. **36** And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. **37** For with God nothing will be impossible."

Praise 291 When out of poverty

1 When out of poverty is born
a dream that will not die,
and landless, weary folk find strength
to stand with heads held high,
it's then we learn from those who wait
to greet the promised day,
"The Lord is coming; don't lose heart.
Be blest; prepare the way!"

2 When people wander far from God,
forget to share their bread,
they find their wealth an empty thing,
their spirits are not fed.
For only just and tender love
The hunger soul will stay.
And so God's prophets echo still
"Be blest; prepare the way!"

3 When God took flesh and came to earth,
the world turned upside down,
and in the strength of woman's faith
the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low,
It pleased her to obey.
Rejoice with Mary in the call,
"Be blest; prepare the way!"

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 473 Thy Kingdom come

1 'Thy kingdom come!'--on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

2 But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

3 And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:

4 The day in whose clear-shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned with might,
and every heart be healed:

5 When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad,
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

BLESSING

Voluntary Magnificat VI (Op. 18/15) – M. Dupré



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

Could we ask, if you, or anyone in your household, is feeling unwell you please refrain from entering the building and follow the Scottish Government guidelines issued during the pandemic.

Please adhere to the instructions given by the people on duty today, at the doors, as we must observe the instructions given for the opening of places of public worship. Hand sanitisers must be used and you must follow the one-way system and leave by the ramp door at the St Gilbert's Chapel side of the building.

Please take your seat as guided and remain in it. This is a requirement of our being permitted to open for worship. We must also remind you of the need to maintain social distancing, again, a requirement if we are to remain open.

Our pattern of worship follows roughly what has been the norm in this kirk but there are some changes due to the current circumstances.

We cannot sing: the words of the hymns are printed for you to follow. There is a soloist (as permitted by the government guidance)

The Readings are printed

There is no Young Church Talk (this is still online) Messy Church is also online. Check church website.

Our Offerings can be given as you enter the sanctuary in the dish provided, or as you leave after the Service.

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 –Tonight@ 6pm 20 December 2020

The AM Chorus invites the whole congregation to join them in their Virtual Christmas Concert tonight @ at 6 pm. 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.

24th. December: - Christmas Eve 9.00 pm

25th. December: - Christmas Morning 10.30 am

We are aware that many more people, than we can possibly allow under the current guidelines set by the Scottish Government, want to come to these Services. Could we ask, if you do want to come along you contact the office at the earliest opportunity and certainly before Sunday 20th. December. If more than we are allowed to admit wish to come along we would ballot for the available spaces



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