

Welcome



**Sherbrooke Mossbank
Parish Church**

**18th. Sunday after Pentecost – Harvest
Thanksgiving**

Sunday, 4th. October 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary Fantasia of four Parts – O. Gibbons

WELCOME

Praise 149 Let all creation dance
1 Let all creation dance
in energies sublime,
as order turns with chance,
unfolding space and time:
for nature's art
in glory grows,
and newly shows
God's mind and heart.

2 Our own amazing earth,
with sunlight, cloud, and storms,
and life's abundant growth
in lovely shapes and forms
is made for praise,
a fragile whole,
and from its soul
heaven's music plays.

3 Lift heart and soul and voice:
in Christ all praises meet,
and nature shall rejoice
as all is made complete.
In hope be strong,
all life befriend,
and kindly tend
creation's song.

Prayers (sung Kyrie) Merbecke

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**

1st Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

(p.)

1 "When you come into the land which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance, and have taken possession of it, and live in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place which the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. 3 And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'I declare this day to the LORD your God that I have come into the land which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' 4 Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. 5 "And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father; and he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 And the Egyptians treated us harshly, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage. 7 Then we cried to the LORD the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice, and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression; 8 and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror, with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which thou, O LORD, hast given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God; 11 and you shall rejoice in all the good which the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Anthem Anthem Jubilate in F – J. Ireland 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 ...

Gospel

St Matthew 13:24-33

(p.)

24 Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; **25** but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.

27 And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' **28** He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' **29** But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

31 Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; **32** it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." **33** He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

Praise

243 Touch the earth lightly

1 Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

2 We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

3 Let there be greening,

4 God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

ADDRESS

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

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

Praise 165 Praise to the Lord for the joys of the earth

1 Praise to the Lord for the joys of the earth:
cycles of season and reason and birth,
contrasts in outlook and landscape and need,
challenge of famine, pollution and greed.

2 Praise to the Lord for the progress of life:
cradle and grave, bond of husband and wife,
pain of youth growing and wrinkling of age,
questions in step with experience and stage.

3 Praise to the Lord for his care of our kind:
faith for the faithless and sight for the blind,
healing, acceptance, disturbance and change,
all the emotions through which our lives range.

4 Praise to the Lord for the people we meet,
safe in our homes or at risk in the street:
kiss of a lover and friendship's embrace,
smile of a stranger and words full of grace.

5 Praise to the Lord for the carpenter's son,
dovetailing worship and work into one:
tradesman and teacher and vagrant and friend,
source of all life in this world without end.

BLESSING

Voluntary *Impromptu No. 3* – S. Coleridge-Taylor

**WELCOME back to the Sanctuary here at
Sherbrooke Mosspark,
We are glad you are able to be with us today.**

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.

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

The Readings are printed

There is no Young People Talk (this is still online)

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

**The flowers for Harvest have been kindly donated by The Flower
Committee &
Margaret Dawson in memory of Eben**