



**WELCOME**



# **Sherbrooke Mosspark Parish Church**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Voluntary**    Passacaglia in d – D. Buxtehude

### Welcome and Intimations

#### Epiphany at Cana

Here's an epiphany to have and hold,  
A truth that you can taste upon the tongue,  
No distant shrines and canopies of gold  
Or ladders to be clambered rung by rung,  
But here and now, amidst your daily living,  
Where you can taste and touch and feel and see,  
The spring of love, the fount of all forgiving,  
Flows when you need it, rich, abundant, free.  
Better than waters of some outer weeping,  
That leave you still with all your hidden sin,  
Here is a vintage richer for the keeping  
That works its transformation from within.  
'What price?' you ask me, as we raise the glass,  
'It cost our Saviour everything he has.'

*Malcolm Guite*

**Introit**    *O come ye servants* – C. Tye  
Words: from Psalm 113

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name;  
From early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim.  
His laws are just, and glad the heart;  
He makes his mercies know:  
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

**Call to  
Worship**    from Isaiah 25.6-9

**Praise**    623    Here in this place

1 Here in this place new light is streaming  
now is the darkness vanished away  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
gather us in, the blind and the lame  
call to us now and we shall awaken  
we shall arise at the sound of our name

2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
we are the old who yearn for your face  
we have been sung throughout all of history  
called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
gather us in, the proud and the strong  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
give us the courage to enter the song

3 Here we will take the wine and the water  
here we will take the bread of new birth  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
call us anew to be salt for the earth  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
give us to eat the bread that is you  
nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining  
not in some heaven light years away  
but here in this place the new light is shining  
now is the kingdom, now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
gather us in and make us your own  
gather us in, all peoples together  
fire of love in our flesh and our bones

### **Prayers of approach confession and the Lord's Prayer**

#### **All age Talk**

#### **Praise**

144 I love the sun

1 I love the sun,  
it shines on me;  
God made the sun,  
and God made me.

2 I love the stars,  
they twinkle on me;  
God made the stars,  
and God made me.

3 I love the rain,  
it splashes on me;  
God made the rain,  
and God made me.

4 I love the wind,  
it blows round me;  
God made the wind,  
and God made me.

5 I love the birds,  
they sing to me;  
God made the birds,  
and God made me.

**Old  
Testament**

Psalm 36.5-9

(p.492)

**5** Thy steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, thy faithfulness to the clouds. **6** Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God, thy judgments are like the great deep; man and beast thou savest, O LORD. **7** How precious is thy steadfast love, O God! The children of men take refuge in the shadow of thy wings. **8** They feast on the abundance of thy house, and thou givest them drink from the river of thy delights. **9** For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light do we see light.

**Anthem**

*O Taste and See* – R. Vaughan Williams  
Words: Psalm 34:8

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him. Blest is the man that trusteth in him. The man that trusteth in him.

**Gospel**

John 2.1-11

(p.88)

**1** On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; **2** Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. **3** When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." **4** And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." **5** His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." **6** Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. **8** He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. **9** When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." **11** This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**Reflection**    Father of the Bride

### **Prayer of Response**

**Praise**            336            Christ is our light

**1** Christ is our light! the bright and morning star  
covering with radiance all from near and far.  
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray  
into our hearts, into our world today.

**2** Christ is our love! baptized that we may know  
the love of God among us, swooping low.  
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face  
and see in you the light of heaven's embrace.

**3** Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!  
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.  
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,  
as your disciples did in Galilee.

**SERMON**  
"The First Sign"

**Praise**      543    Longing for Light

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us Your own, your holy people  
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in our hearts.*  
*Shine through the darkness.*  
*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in Your church gathered today.*

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. (*Refrain*)

3 Longing for food, many are hungry  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others  
shared until all are fed. (*Refrain*)

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others  
walls made of living stone. (*Refrain*)

5 Many the gift, many the people  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
making your kingdom come. (*Refrain*)

**BLESSING**

**Voluntary**      Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137 – D. Buxtehude

**Covid Health & Safety Framework update:** the Covid sub-committee has updated the health and safety framework with effect from 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Further details can be found on the Church website and consideration should be given of government advice to take advantage of free daily lateral flow tests. 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; preregistering to attend services is still advisable.
- **Sanctuary and Halls:** in order to maximise ventilation throughout our church buildings, various doors will remain open both in the Sanctuary and Halls. We are also monitoring carbon dioxide levels both in the Sanctuary and Halls.
- **Movement between Sanctuary and Halls:** please take your time and keep your distance as a one-way system is no longer required. Please use the internal stairs or the east transept ramp to move between the Sanctuary and Halls. Adam has returned to greeting people in the main entrance vestibule after the service.
- **Tea and Coffee:** given the recent government advice on restricting socialising to three households around the Christmas period, the serving of tea and coffee after services has been suspended.

## **Notices**

**Church Directory 2022 is now available**

### **Magazine Copy Date Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

**Stamps:** Before you throw out your Christmas card envelopes please can you remove the stamps from them the church would be grateful to collect any stamps which you may receive. Please place them in the basket in the front entrance labelled “Stamps”--- with a half inch rim if possible. The stamps are sent on to the Church of Scotland World Mission Stamp. For more information see Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal.

**Life & Work:** Subscriptions for next year’s magazines 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.

**Should you wish we have printed a large version of the Order of Service please see one of the Door Team if you would like one.**

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