



Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church

Sunday 19th March 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary

Introit *We sing the praise of Him who died*

Praise 97 O God you search me and you know me
1 O', God, you search me, and you know me
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze
When I walk or lie down, you are before me
ever the maker and keeper of my days

2 You know my resting and my rising
You discern my purpose from afar
and with love everlasting, you besiege me
in ev'ry moment of life or death, you are

3 Before a word is on my tongue, Lord
you have known its meaning through and through
You are with me beyond my understanding
God of my present, my past and future, too

4 Although your Spirit is upon me
still I search for shelter from your light
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you
even the darkness is radiant in your sight

5 For you created me and shaped me
gave me life within my mother's womb
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you
safe in your hands, all creation is made new

Prayers of approach confession and the Lord's Prayer

All age Talk

Praise God of Eve and God of Mary (Stuttgart)

1 God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother earth,
Thank you for the ones who with us
Shared their life and gave us birth.

2 As you came to earth in Jesus,
So you come to us today;
You are present in the caring
That prepares us for life's way.

3 Thank you, that the Church, our Mother,
Gives us bread and fills our cup,
And the comfort of the Spirit
Warms our hearts and lifts us up.

4 Thank you for belonging shelter,
Bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
And for those who have no children,
Yet are parents under God.

5 God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our brother, human son,
Spirit, caring like a mother,
Take our love and make us one.

**New
Testament**

Proverbs 31

(p.)

10 A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds.
11 Her husband trusts her without reserve, and never has reason to regret it. 12 Never spiteful, she treats him generously all her life long.
13 She shops around for the best yarns and cottons, and enjoys knitting and sewing. 14 She's like a trading ship that sails to faraway places and brings back exotic surprises. 15 She's up before dawn, preparing breakfast for her family and organizing her day. 16 She looks over a field and buys it, then, with money she's put aside, plants a garden. 17 First thing in the morning, she dresses for work, rolls up her sleeves, eager to get started. 18 She senses the worth of her work, is in no hurry to call it quits for the day. 19 She's skilled in the crafts of home and hearth, diligent in homemaking. 20 She's quick to assist anyone in need, reaches out to help the poor. 21 She doesn't worry about her family when it snows; their winter clothes are all mended and ready to wear. She always faces tomorrow with a smile. 26 When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say, and she always says it kindly. 27 She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive. 28 Her children respect and bless her; "Many women have done wonderful things, but you've outclassed them all!" 30 Charm can mislead and beauty soon fades. The woman to be admired and praised is the woman who lives in the Fear-of-God. 31 Give her everything she deserves! Festoon her life with praises!

Anthem

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake - John Hilton (the elder)

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents^[a] saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹ He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'^[b] ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years,^[c] and in divine and human favour.

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Praise

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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,
to 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.

Sermon

Lord of all hopefulness will be sung verse by verse during the sermon today

Part One – Joseph Doubts

*1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

Part Two – Through the eyes of a mother.

*2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

Part Three – Jesus is missing

*3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

Part Four – The lost Years.

*4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

**Organ
Reflection**

Rockingham - C H H Parry

Praise 160 Praise my soul the king of heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him!
widely as his mercy flows.

4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the high eternal One.

5 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Blessing

Voluntary *Nun danket alle Gott (Now thank we all our God) - Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

Welcome to this Service

Midweek Service: Thursday morning 10am at St Leo's

Kirk Session: the next Session meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th March 2023, 7.30pm.

Sunday 26th March the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated, with the baptism of Ivy Greenshields, daughter of Jacqueline and Gavin Greenshields.

Minister Visit: if you know any member of our parish who you feel would appreciate or benefit a visit from our minister, please contact the manse 0141 737 7299 or email the office sherbrooke-init@btconnect.com.

Ukrainian Session on Egg Decoration

We have twenty places for this one off session run by Natalia (wife of Andrii who many of you will have met). The session on Wednesday 5th April will be from 2-5pm in the Small Hall. As I have more detail I will pass this on. I do know that this is part of their (Ukrainians') desire to pass something back to SMP, to continue to exchange cultural ideas and get an understanding of the gifts people have. I think this will be a very special event. The best way to register will be to contact Mags Cargey, myself or Clare. Thank you, Nigel

Easter Breakfast Sunday 9th April: Come to our traditional Easter Breakfast at 09.30. Julian will organise the usual Easter Egg Hunt for the young folk after the Service. Tickets will be on sale from Sunday 12th March. Adults £5 5-16s £2.50. Please let the Social Committee know of any dietary requirements

The Plant Sale – Saturday 13th May – Save the Date - Calling all gardeners

To make the sale more interesting (and make more profit!) we need to have lots of home-grown plants to add to those supplied by McLaren's. When you are tidying up your garden for spring please pot up plants and seedlings for the sale rather than putting them on the compost heap. If you need any information about the sale please contact Marjorie McGhie 07729331894 or Stuart Hislop 07774116659

Christian Aid Week 2023 'Save the Date'

Hello everyone.

This is a 'Heads up' about this year's Christian Aid Week which is **14th - 20th May 2023**. I have ordered envelopes for donations which I will distribute much nearer the date. Hopefully this year we could again have stalls for craft donations - cards, knitting, chutneys, home baking etc. with all proceeds going to Christian Aid. The stalls would be held after the service on Sunday 21st May so that we don't clash with the Plant Sale.

Contact info : email: ruth.mccluskey@hotmail.com Thank You Ruth

Life and Work: we are still outstanding some monies for this year's subscriptions, if you have not paid your subscription fee for this year's magazine please can you hand or post in your subscription monies to the office for next week.

Minister: Adam Dillon

Organist: Tom Ferguson

Ministry Candidate: William McCulloch

Beadle: Cameron Aitken

Welcome Team John Duthie
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