

Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland

Sunday 13th September 2020

Order of Service for Church at Home

Welcome and Intimations:

A warm welcome to our online service today, to both our regular worshippers and any virtual visitors. You are all most welcome.

Happy Birthday to Jane Aitken this week on the 16th of September

Today we celebrate communion during the service, have a piece of bread/cracker and some wine/juice ready.

Call to worship (Psalm 23)

Come, walk in green pastures.
We follow the Shepherd.
Come, lie down in green pastures.
We trust the Shepherd.
Come, dine at the table of abundance.
We are fed by the Shepherd.
Come, dwell in God's house.
We live in the Shepherd's care.

Opening Hymn The King of Love my shepherd is

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Prayer of Confession (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

God of all righteousness, we know how the apostle Paul counted himself as a righteous person when zealously carrying out the law as a Pharisee. He considered himself to be blameless, but counted all that as loss when he came to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. From that time on, righteousness took on a new meaning. Paul knew that he no longer needed to perform exemplary deeds in order to earn your love. All he had to do was to accept your gracious and unconditional love. Forgive us, O God, when we believe that righteous behaviour is all that is needed to secure your love.

We know that we can neither earn nor deserve all that you have done for us. Help us to surrender our worldly attitudes and values so that, like Paul, we can celebrate anew lives centred in Jesus Christ.

Paul acknowledges a desire to participate in the death and resurrection of Christ so that he can die and rise also. He urges others to do likewise. Forgive us, O God, when we lose sight of the goal of our lives as Christians—that of following Jesus; even when that means, and perhaps, especially when that means taking up our cross, and sharing in the suffering and struggle that Jesus shares with us.

Merciful God, in the agony of the crucifixion, we see the lengths you were prepared to go, to 'do great things for us'. Whatever gains we may have experienced in our lives, like Paul may we regard them as loss, compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus as our Lord. This we pray in his name. Our Father.....

Bible Reading - Philippians 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal,(A) but I press on to take hold(B) of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.(C) 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind(D) and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on(E) toward the goal to win the prize(F) for which God has called(G) me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

KEVIN'S WEEKLY MESSAGE – GOD'S RICHES

Pause for Reflection

God, whose presence was in the burning bush,
barefoot we stand before you;
God whose power was in rushing wind and tongues of flame,
amazed we stand before you.
Quietly and deliberately we tighten our grip upon our vocation
as friends and followers of Jesus.
Deepen our resolve,
open our eyes to ways of witnessing,
quicken our hands to ways of service,
renew in us a spirit of prayer,
that we may live the fire of God
with passion and tenderness day by day.
We sense your glory in that you fill us to overflowing
with no sense of waste or worry;
you entrust us and empower with all that you are.
God of burning bush, rushing wind and tongues of flame,
renew us in your service.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you
Congregation: and also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, Lord God, King of the universe,
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, and gave it to them saying, " Drink from it all of you. This is my blood of the New Covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it in remembrance of me."

Jesus, our Lord, we thank you for this sacrament.
We thank you for this holy time and place
Where we receive and celebrate your gifts to us.
We thank you for the light that never fades;

The joy of your salvation which no one can take from us;
The deep cleansing of the forgiveness of our sins;
The love which is greater than any other;
And for the Holy Spirit's presence and power. Amen.

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace

SHORT PRAYER AFTER THE SACRAMENT

Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Creator God,
Thank you for the opportunity of being together in prayer.
As we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do.
We are sorry that we only seem to turn to you in the down times of our lives, and forget to thank you for the good times.
There is so much in your world for which we should be grateful and we offer our thanks now.
Be with us, and all who need your loving touch at this time.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

*Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness,
wind of the Lord, blowing strongly and free:
strength of our serving and joy of our worshipping
Spirit of God, bring your fulness to me!*

1 You came to interpret and teach us effectively
all that the Saviour has spoken and done;
to glorify Jesus is all your activity
promise and gift of the Father and Son:
Spirit of holiness...

2 You came with your gifts to supply all our poverty,
pouring your love on the church in her need;
you came with your fruit for our growth to maturity,
richly refreshing the souls that you feed:
Spirit of holiness...

BLESSINGS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. AMEN.