

**Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland**  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Zandra Swan who had a birthday yesterday (19<sup>th</sup> Sept)  
Happy wedding anniversary to Sam and Helen Clark who celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary yesterday also.

**Call to worship**

Holy One,  
As we gather this morning to worship you,  
May we speak truth,  
So that our words may give grace to those who hear.  
May we pray in faith,  
So that our words may give grace to those who hear.  
May we sing with joy,  
So that our words may give grace to those who hear.  
May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,  
So that Your words may give grace to us who hear.  
Amen.

**Opening Hymn**

1 Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Inflame our souls with love,  
transforming every heart and home  
with wisdom from above.  
Let none of us despise  
the humble path Christ trod,  
but choose, to shame the worldly wise,  
the foolishness of God.

2 All-knowing Spirit, prove  
the poverty of pride,  
by knowledge of the Father's love  
in Jesus crucified.  
And grant us faith to know  
the glory of that sign,  
and in our very lives to show  
the marks of love divine.

3 Come with the gift to heal  
the wounds of guilt and fear,  
and to oppression's face reveal  
the kingdom drawing near.  
Where chaos longs to reign,  
descend, O holy Dove,  
and free us all to work again  
the miracles of love.

4 Spirit of truth, arise;  
inspire the prophet's voice:  
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,  
and bid the poor rejoice.  
O Spirit, clear our sight,  
all prejudice remove,  
and help us to discern the right,  
and covet only love.

5 Give us the tongues to speak  
the word of love and grace  
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,  
in every time and place.  
Enable us to hear  
the words that others bring,  
interpreting with open ear  
the special song they sing.

6 Come, Holy Spirit, dance  
within our hearts today,  
our earthbound spirits to entrance,  
our mortal fears allay.  
and teach us to desire,  
all other things above,  
that self-consuming holy fire,  
the perfect gift of love.

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

Give us, o Lord, an eye for injustice.

For it is only when we are able to recognize injustice and feel its awful sting that we will be moved to make things right.

Give us, o Lord, a tender heart.

Sometimes we are too hard-hearted to recognize when we have been uncaring, unfeeling, or unkind.

Grant us, o Lord the ability to view life from the dust.

All our lives we have been taught to make others proud, to be proud of ourselves, to hold our heads high all the while missing the virtues of being poor in spirit.

Teach us dear Lord, to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Amen.

Our Father.....

## **Bible Reading - Micah 6:1-8 The Message**

Listen now, listen to God:

"Take your stand in court.

If you have a complaint, tell the mountains;  
make your case to the hills.

And now, Mountains, hear God's case;  
listen, Jury Earth—

For I am bringing charges against my people.  
I am building a case against Israel.

"Dear people, how have I done you wrong?

Have I burdened you, worn you out? Answer!  
I delivered you from a bad life in Egypt;  
I paid a good price to get you out of slavery.

I sent Moses to lead you—  
and Aaron and Miriam to boot!

Remember what Balak king of Moab tried to pull,  
and how Balaam son of Beor turned the tables on him.

Remember all those stories about Shittim and Gilgal.  
Keep all God's salvation stories fresh and present."

How can I stand up before God  
and show proper respect to the high God?

Should I bring an armload of offerings  
topped off with yearling calves?

Would God be impressed with thousands of rams,  
with buckets and barrels of olive oil?

Would he be moved if I sacrificed my firstborn child,  
my precious baby, to cancel my sin?

But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do,  
what God is looking for in men and women.

It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,  
be compassionate and loyal in your love,

And don't take yourself too seriously—  
take God seriously.

## **KEVIN'S WEEKLY MESSAGE**

## Pause for Reflection

God, our father and our mother, we, your children, come before you.  
We are people with many needs; we need food, water, shelter;  
we need the love and companionship of family and friends;  
we need a sense of self-worth and purpose.  
And most of all, loving Provider, we need you.  
We need you to fill our lives with faith and hope and love; with comfort and peace and joy.  
Giver of every good gift; You supply our every need.  
Accept this, our thank-offering of worship and praise.

## PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

God of love and action  
In this world we know much needs to be done  
Your perfect creation has been damaged  
There are places of fragility  
There are places of vulnerability  
There are places where the delicate balance is under threat

### **Show us where we can serve**

In this world so many are searching  
So many are lost  
So many are victims  
So many are in need

### **Show us where we can serve**

In this world we know there is pain  
We know there is anger  
We know there is tension  
We know there is conflict  
We know there is injustice

### **Show us where we can serve**

Where there is darkness  
Let your Church shine light

**Show us where we can serve AMEN.**

## CLOSING HYMN

1 All my hope on God is founded,  
all my trust he will renew;  
safe through change & chance he guides me,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray God's trust;  
though with care and toil we build them,  
tower and temple fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness lasts for ever,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Day by day the mighty Giver  
showers gifts on us below;  
his desire our souls delight in,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
See love stand at his hand,  
joy awaits at his command!

5 Still from earth to God in heaven  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Hear Christ call  
one and all:  
those who follow shall not fall.

## **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.