

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020 - CHURCH AT HOME
BELLSHILL CENTRAL PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Gathering Songs

Purify my heart,

Let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, My heart's one desire
Is to be... holy;
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be... holy;
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will.*

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

May the Lord Bless You

May the Lord Keep you
May the Lord make his countenance upon you
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May the Lord make his countenance upon you
And give you peace (x3)

Intimations (STANLEY)

Choir Introit Higher than the hills

Higher than the hills,
deeper than the sea,
broader than the skies above
is my Redeemer's love for me.

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth

Pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You
In surrender I must give my ev'ry part
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a Friend to so loving a King
Savior, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name
for the things You have done
Oh, my words could not tell not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart*

You deserve my ev'ry breath
For You've paid the great cost
Giving up Your life to death
Even death on a cross
You took all my shame away
There defeated my sin
Opened up the gates of heav'n
And have beckoned me in

To his cross of shame
Jesus freely came,
bearing all my sin and sorrow-
wondrous love!

Call to Worship

L: Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

P: Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!

L: Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

P: Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.

L: Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.

P: Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all.

L: Though the storm clouds of doubt and fear threaten to overcome us

P: God leads us into ways of peace.

L: When the darkness of war and the deep pit of anger reach toward us

P: God lifts and carries us through the darkness with hope and light.

L: Lord of hope and life, be with us today.

P: God of mercy and peace, lead our lives. AMEN.

HYMN God forgave my sin

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

All power is given in Jesus' name
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.
Refrain

*He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance, followed by the Lord's Prayer (LORNA WATSON)

We sing and speak your praise, O God, grateful for the many ways in which you have healed us. Keep our hearts, our minds, and our spirits open to learn ways in which we can offer healing love for others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

Just like Peter, Lord, we want to get all "legalistic" about forgiveness. We want to know if one time to forgive someone is sufficient. We might even be willing to extend forgiveness twice, but we have a tendency to follow the adage, "Once burned, twice shy." Teach us to be humble and merciful. Remind us of the many ways in which you have offered, time and time again, your forgiving love to us. Heal our wounds and bind up our brokenness. For we ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, each one of us has received healing mercies. We are now given opportunities to offer forgiveness and redemption to one another. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with us all. AMEN.

Our Father.....Amen

All Age Address

Reading

(Luke chapter 15 from verse 20 – International Children’s Bible)

While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. He felt sorry for his son. So the father ran to him, and hugged and kissed him.

The son said, “Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. I am not good enough to be called your son.”

But the father said to his servants, “Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get our fat calf and kill it. Then we can have a feast and celebrate! My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!”

So they began to celebrate.

HYMN The Lord’s my shepherd (Townend)

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

KEVIN – We are renewed by Grace

Time for Meditation

Yearning for God - Anna...never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.
(Luke 2:36-37)

Meditation

A servant with a burning hope. Withdrawn to the solitary place, the place of sanctuary, the holy place.
Yearning for God day and night, anchored and rooted in the house of prayer, filled with reverent awe,
fasting and praying without ceasing. Little noticed on the margins, insignificant.
A shadow among others, lowly, filled with humility and grace.

Faithfully waiting, trusting, anticipating. Patiently looking forward with perseverance in faith.
Life grounded in the promises of God.

Then the moment. Welcoming the revelation of God. The awe and wonder, delighting in Him – the Messiah.
The unspeakable joy, overflowing. Telling of the Child who is freedom!

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Living, loving God, thank you for the world around us,
your splendid garden creation entrusted into our hands.

Please grant us the wisdom to be faithful stewards of your earth:

- Keeping air and water clean
- Being mindful of energy consumption
- Growing foods to share with all your people, our sisters and brothers
- Looking after all creatures, great and small.

We pray for nations suffering from conflicts:

- for a cease of the on-going, seemingly endless violence.
- for civilians, especially the very young and the very old
- for the combatants, those in power and those caught in the middle..

We give thanks for this land that we are blessed to call home.

Sometimes we feel that we are just small fish swimming alone in a very large sea.

But we are not alone.

We come together as your church and we can and do make a difference following in the way of Jesus.

We pray for the poor. We pray for the homeless.

We pray for those who are newly arrived on these shores.

As Mary was extravagantly generous with her precious perfume,

may we with generous hearts minister to those in need sharing our time, talents and treasures.

We pray for your church, universal, in general,

and we pray for this church, this congregation in particular.

As we worship and serve here in this place,

may we have ears to hear and eyes to see the beauty that surrounds us

and also the needs that arise in our midst.

We give thanks for those who serve.

HYMN To God be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has
done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and evermore, Amen.

May God's blessing surround you each day
As you trust Him and walk in His way
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.