

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF SERVICE  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 11am  
Conducted by the Very Rev. Dr. Roy Patton  
Organist: Mr John McIlwaine**

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 126 Sing to the Lord a joyful song (Duke Street)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a joyful song,  
lift up your hearts, your voices raise;  
to us His gracious gifts belong,  
to Him our songs of love and praise;
- 2 For life and love, for rest and food,  
for daily help and nightly care,  
sing to the Lord, for He is good,  
and praise His name, for it is fair.
- 3 For strength to those who on Him wait  
His truth to prove, His will to do,  
O praise our God, for He is great,  
trust in His name, for it is true.
- 4 For joys untold, that from above  
cheer those who love His sweet employ,  
sing to our God, for He is love,  
exalt His name, for it is joy.
- 5 For He is Lord of heaven and earth,  
whom angels serve and saints adore,  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.

## Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE 407 How deep the Father's love for us

1 How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son  
to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
the Father turns His face away,  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.

2 Behold the Man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there,  
until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life --  
I know that it is finished.

3 I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
but this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35

Anthem

Intercessory Prayer

PRAISE 272 Lord, your word shall guide us

1 Lord, Your word shall guide us  
and with truth provide us:  
teach us to receive it

and with joy believe it.

2 When our foes are near us,  
then Your word shall cheer us --  
word of consolation,  
message of salvation.

3 When the storms distress us  
and dark clouds oppress us,  
then Your word protects us  
and its light directs us.

4 Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure  
by Your word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?

5 Word of mercy, giving  
courage to the living;  
word of life, supplying  
comfort to the dying.

6 O that we discerning  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear You --  
evermore be near You!

SERMON      We had hoped!

PRAISE    457 Breathe on me, breath of God  
*(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)*

1 Breathe on me, breath of God:  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love as You have loved,  
and do as You would do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,

until my will is one with Yours  
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God;  
be all my heart's desire,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with your heavenly fire.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God;  
so shall I never die,  
but live with You the perfect life  
of Your eternity.

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE VIDEO This is the day, this is the day

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Kidszone Rota**

TODAY – Elaine Nixon Shepherd & Janet Wilson  
21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April – Catherine Dalzell and Chloe McCormick

### **Porch Duty Rota**

TODAY– Valerie McCutcheon and Adam Steele  
21<sup>st</sup> April – Valerie McCutcheon and Michael Steele  
28<sup>th</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup> May – John and Jennifer Boyd

### **Wednesday**

The Church building is open for **private prayer** 10.00am – Noon.

Gifts for **Storehouse** can be left 10.00am – Noon.

Please remember to donate as all the cupboard essentials are very much appreciated.

Supplies can be left in the trolley in the foyer either on Wednesday morning or before the Sunday service. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

### **Collection of Duvets and Toiletries for the IMP:**

The mission committee will be collecting duvets and toiletries for the International Meeting Point this Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Items can be left in the Walter Nelson Hall between 10:30 and 12 noon. Light refreshments will be served in the hall. Toiletries can include shampoo, deodorant, shower gel and men's razors but any toiletries will be welcome. We would request that duvets are either new or 'as new'. Thank you for your consideration of help to these vulnerable people. Your kindness is much appreciated. (Dr Michael Steele)

**Service Of Celebration** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church's "Leisure Group". The theme will be "What a wonderful life" and members of the Leisure Group will be taking part.

A **Coffee Morning for Christian Aid** will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30 to 12.00. Christian Aid week is the following week.

**Calling for Volunteers:** As the refurbishment of our hall complex nears completion we would like to ask if anyone in the congregation would be able to help in any way to maximise the use of this fantastic new resource. Even just being able to assist in a small way such as serving coffee or doing some clearing up could make a real difference. Others may be able to bake some scones or tray-bakes. The more volunteers we have the less often we will need to call on folk to help. We all have different talents and no-one should feel that they are not of value in our church family. In the next few weeks there will be sheets available in the vestibule and

elsewhere to leave your name and contact number. You can also contact the church office (Tel: 028 9146 2552).

**Seated Rollator:** Mr Oliver Hull has asked if anyone in the congregation could make use of a rollator that also incorporates a small seat to rest on. If so, please contact the church office or Oliver directly. Oliver is providing this free of charge. Thank you.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Please note the Kirk Session has agreed, as part of our **safeguarding policy**, that in all public services of worship no photographs or videos may be taken without prior permission being sought and received from the Kirk Session.

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