

GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday 21st April 2024 at 11am
Conducted by Rev. Denis Campbell
Organist: Mr George Hewitt

Introit Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE: 1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun

- 1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
your daily stage of duty run;
shake off your sleep, and joyful rise
to make your morning sacrifice.
- 2 Redeem your mis-spent time that's past
and live this day as if your last;
improve your talent with due care,
for God's great Day yourself prepare.
- 3 Let all your speaking be sincere,
your conscience as the noonday clear;
think how all-seeing God surveys
your secret thoughts and all your ways.
- 4 Give praise to God, who safely kept
and well refreshed me while I slept:
grant, Lord, that when from death I wake
I may of endless life partake.
- 5 To You my vows I here renew:
disperse my sins as morning dew;
guard my first springs of thought and will
and with Yourself my spirit fill.
- 6 Direct, control, suggest this day
all I desire or do or say;
that all my powers with all their might
for Your sole glory may unite.
- 7 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
in heaven above and earth below;
one God, three persons, we adore --
to Him be praise for evermore!

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

PRAISE: Paraphrase 18 Behold! The mountain of the Lord in latter days shall rise (Glasgow 66)

1. Behold! The mountain of the Lord
in latter days shall rise
on mountain tops above the hills,
and draw the wond'ring eyes.
2. To this the joyful nations round,
all tribes and tongues shall flow;
Up to the hill of God, they" say,
and to His house we'll go.
3. The beam that shines from Sion hill
shall lighten ev'ry land;
the King who reigns in Salem's tow'rs
shall all the world command.
4. Among the nations he shall judge;
his judgements truth shall guide;
his sceptre shall protect the just,
and quell the sinner's pride.
5. No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds
disturb those peaceful years;
to ploughshares men
shall beat their swords,
to pruning-hooks their spears.
6. No longer hosts encount'ring hosts
shall crowds of slain deplore:
they hang the trumpet in the hall,
and study war no more.
7. Come then, O house of Jacob! Come
to worship at his shrine;
and, walking in the light of God,
with holy beauties shine.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6, verses 1-8

Anthem All in the April evening

Scripture Reading: Mark 8, verses 14-26.

Intercessory Prayer

PRAISE: 367 We cannot measure how you heal

- 1 We cannot measure how You heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe Your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.
- 2 The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.
- 3 So some have come who need Your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make Your broken people whole.

Video

Sermon: Jesus heals our stubborn blindness.

PRAISE: 366 Immortal love, forever full
(Boys and girls come in from Kidszone)

- 1 Immortal Love, for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea!
- 2 Blow, winds of God, awake and blow
the mists of earth away:
shine out, O Light Divine, and show
how wide and far we stray.
- 3 We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for Him no depths can drown.

- 4 And not for signs in heaven above,
or earth below, they look
who know with John His smile of love,
with Peter His rebuke.
- 5 In joy of inward peace, or sense
of sorrow over sin,
He is His own best evidence;
His witness is within.
- 6 And, warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is He;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.
- 7 The healing of His seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch Him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.

Offering and prayer

Talk with boys and girls

PRAISE: 556 Father, I place into your hands

- 1 Father, I place into Your hands
the things that I can't do.
Father, I place into Your hands
the times that I've been through.
Father, I place into Your hands
the way that I should go,
for I know I always can trust You.
- 2 Father, I place into Your hands
my friends and family.
Father, I place into Your hands
the things that trouble me.
Father, I place into Your hands
the person I would be,
for I know I always can trust You.
- 3 Father, we love to seek Your face,
we love to hear Your voice.
Father, we love to sing Your praise,
and in Your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with You
and in Your presence rest,
for we know we always can trust You.

4 Father, I want to be with You
and do the things You do.
Father, I want to speak the words
that You are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
that You will draw to You,
for I know that I am one with You.

Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY & 28th April – Catherine Dalzell and Chloe McCormick
5th & 12th May – Julie Stirling, Louise Milliken and Joyce Currie

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY – Valerie McCutcheon and Michael Steele
28th April – Rosemary Gillespie and Pat Crawford
5th 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.

Leisure Group Service of Celebration and Coffee Morning:

The Leisure Group will be having a service of celebration on Sunday 28th April to mark their 30th anniversary. The theme will be 'What a wonderful life' and members of the group will be taking part.

There will also be a **coffee morning** the day before in the Walter Nelson Hall (**Saturday 27th 10:30 - 12 noon**). Everyone will be most welcome. Thank you for your support. (June Kirk).

The next meeting of the **Tuesday Club** will be on 7th May, and is an open and free meeting. We have invited the guide dogs' association to come and accept their cheque for £2000, the proceeds of our January concert.

We would like to see as many people as possible who supported us by their attendance or donations, so feel free to come to the Maxwell Hall at 2.00pm.

Christian Aid Week: There will be a coffee morning in support of Christian Aid in the Walter Nelson Hall on Saturday 11th May, 10:30 - 12 noon. This is at the start of Christian Aid week and our neighbours from the Parish Church will be joining for us for this.

If anyone is able to help with this or distributing envelopes in the village, please contact myself or anyone from the mission committee. You can also phone Julie in the church office (028 91 462552) Thank you. (Michael Steele).

Spring Communion: We will be having our Spring Communion Service on Sunday 12th May. It is also the start of Christian Aid Week. Please make a special effort to attend this important service in our church calendar.
Thank you. (Dr Michael Steele, Clerk of Session).

Food Hygiene Course: There will be a Level 2 food hygiene course held by the council in the Parish Church Hall on Tuesday 14th May (7-9 pm). This is a useful update on simple hygiene techniques recommended for anyone preparing and serving food to the public. It should be a fun event along with our Parish neighbours and particularly useful with the opening of our new hall complex. It would be helpful to have a list of names in advance so please let me know if you are hoping to attend.
Many thanks. (Michael Steele).

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).

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