

MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH

Live Streamed Service Every Sunday

Sunday 21 May 2023 at 10.30am

Seventh Sunday of Easter



**The inward stirring and
touching of God
makes me hungry and yearning;
for the Spirit of God hunts
our spirit;
and the more it touches it,
the greater our hunger
and our craving.
And this is the life of love in
its highest working,
above reason and above
understanding;
for reason can here neither
give nor take away from
love,
for our love is touched
by the Divine Love.**

*Blessed John Ruysbroeck
14th century Flemish mystic*

Led by Revd Dr George Whyte, and Bettina Hather
with the congregation in the sanctuary and online



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WELCOME! This congregation is part of the Church of Scotland: we are Reformed in our understanding of Christian faith, Presbyterian in how we form our community, and a member of the worldwide family of the Christian Church. Whether you are in regular attendance at worship or this is one of your first visits, you are very welcome as part of this community and today's service of worship. God bless you. If you would like to keep in touch, please complete the Connection Card on the back page or email churchmanager@gmail.com

AS A DIVERSE PEOPLE, THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

Organ Voluntary

Ricercare: Llanfair David Briggs (b. 1962)

Welcome and Church News

The Peace

Preparatory Silence for Worship

Introit: O God, the King of Glory

Words Collect from the Book of Common Prayer

Music: Henry Purcell (1659 to 1695)

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thy only son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost, to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before us. Amen

Call to Worship

Minister: O God you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.

Minister: For you the valleys shall sing with joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.

Minister: Your love and your mercy shall last for ever.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.



Hymn 446

Lift up your hearts, believers!

(t. St Thondup)

Prayers

All-Age Talk

Hymn 194

This is the day

(t. The Lord's Day)

Children leave for Young Church



Reading

Luke 24:44 - 53

Read by Neil Newton

(NT p87)

44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

The Ascension of Jesus 50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Anthem

Lift up your heads, O ye gates

Words: Psalm 24: 7 - 10

Music: William Mathias (1934 to 1992)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit 1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying[a] with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

The Ascension of Jesus 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Reader: For the Word of God revealed through Scripture.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Hymn 601

Look upon us, blessèd Lord

(t. Liebster Jesu - Dessau)

Sermon

Revd Dr George Whyte

Hymn 441

Blessing and honour and glory and power

Sung Seated

(t. Bonnie George Campbell)

Prayers

Hymn 439

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious!

(t. Regent Square)

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Voluntary

Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn (Today God's Son triumphs)
 BWV 630, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THIS MORNING'S CHOIR MUSIC The introit, found in the library of York Minster, is in three sections. The first employs both chordal and polyphonic devices with great harmonic inventiveness. There follows a simpler central section in triple time before the final robust section reverts to the tempo of the opening.

The music of the Welsh composer, William Mathias, Professor of Music at the University of Wales, is typically characterised by lively rhythms and robust word settings. These are particular features of this fanfare-like Psalm setting. The insistent questioning of the repeated "who is the King of Glory?" is answered by an enthusiastic affirmation.

NEWS AND INTIMATIONS

- 1. CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT WORKER** We welcome Bettina Hather who has been appointed to the post of **Children and Young Adult Worker** meantime until the end of 2023. Her contact details are as follows - email: youthworkermcpc@gmail.com Phone number: **0778 319 0114**
- 2. PASTORAL CARE - MATTERS** Anne Mulligan is the principal contact point for pastoral matters until such time as a replacement is appointed for Kay. The contact details remain the same as before - pastoralassistantms@gmail.com (phone **07587 043 191**). Please contact Anne if you have any pastoral issues or concerns and/or if you wish anyone to be remembered in the confidential prayer chain or wish to be added to the email circulation list.
- 3. OPEN TO ALL** Coffee and tea will be served in the Bill McDonald Hall at the close of the Sunday services. Everyone is very welcome.
- 4. UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL PILGRIMAGE WALK** All are welcome for the final walk on the Forth to Farne Way. Saturday 10 June Beal Farm Cafe to Lindisfarne (approx 5 miles across the sands) Please sign up for this walk by emailing Pennie McIntyre at penniemcintyre@hotmail.com We will be going by coach to Lindisfarne. Please let me know by Sunday 21 May if you wish to join the coach as I have to decide that week whether to hire one or two coaches. If you do not wish to walk across the sands you are welcome to walk across the causeway, or to stay on the coach and drive across the causeway. We can then all meet up in Lindisfarne and particularly for the service of communion which we are hoping to hold on the island. If you wish to travel by car and not walk across the sands please let me know so that I can give you our time of arrival and the safe time to cross the causeway.'
- 5. FAIRTRADE STALL TODAY - SUNDAY 21st May** Coffee, tea, biscuits, lots of chocolate, marmalade, honey, gifts and of course Kilombero Rice! Recyclable money only no plastic!

6. **GIVING – QR CODE** Our Quick Response code is a handy way of using your smart 'phone or tablet's QR app to link you to our Giving Page. Once you have joined the Giving Page safeguards are still operative. PLATES: Those who would have wished to use it may make use of the offering plates situated in the vestibule and halls entrance, at the close of the service. Regular and one-off donations are possible online at www.give.net/20311853 (scan the QR code) or please contact our Freewill Offerings Treasurer, Hugh Somerville on 0131 466 2446 or hs.somerville2@gmail.com



7. **THY KINGDOM COME (TKC)** is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Please consider joining in. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of five people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. If you look at this website there is a lot of information. However, please consider taking part in these three ways.

- A) Please pray for five people as explained above.
- B) There will be a half day of prayer at Priestfield Church on Thursday 25th May between 9am and 9pm. Please sign up for an hour to pray for your five people and whatever else is on your heart or in your mind. We can also pray for the future of Newington Trinity and the desire from the Church of Scotland for more people to come to know Jesus. Please sign up on this link: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/4f9620> If you cannot come to Priestfield, please pray at home during this day.
- C) Use one of the available Novena booklets which to help focus on the themes and encourage you to pray. This is looking at the early Church in 1 John.

Further Information is available at: www.thykingdomcome.global and also www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/prayers/thy-kingdom-come Please do join in. If you have difficulty signing up or would like one of the Novena booklets, please let me know at trudacross@msn.com Thank you again. Best wishes from Diane Cross, Priestfield Church, Praise and Prayer

8. **COFFEE AND BLETHERS RESTARTS** Coffee and Bletthers was a new venture started a few years ago to cover the summer period when the Thursday Club is on holiday. It is a friendship group open to the whole community, especially those who might feel lonely or isolated and in need of companionship. **We meet in the Bill McDonald Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays during the months of June, July and August from 2.00pm to 3.30pm starting on 8 June.** You don't have to stay all the time, just pop in when you feel like it, stay as long as you wish and enjoy tea or juice and of course a blether. We do hope to see you there. If you would like more details please contact Christina Somerville, Deirdre Eustace or the church office (0131 667 1522).

9. **EDINBURGH FOOD PROJECT** The Scottish food banks, have given out over a QUARTER OF A MILLION food parcels were distributed through the network over the past 12 months – 90 THOUSAND to children. In the year to April 2023 12,822 parcels left the Edinburgh warehouse to go to our seven foodbanks across the city – that's 50% more than the year before. *Scoop newsletter May 2023*

- 30% of food parcels were for children
- 60% of referrals were for households with 3 or more people
- 67% of parcels were distributed from Craigmillar (25%), Grassmarket (23%) and Pilton (19%)
- Food banks are supporting more and more people who are facing deepening hardship and distress. Everyone should be able to afford the essentials in life, no one should need a food bank to get by. The Edinburgh Food banks are delivering a range of support to address the root causes of financial hardship. These services are essential in ensuring people receive all the financial support they are entitled to. The development of a community hub wishes being integrated to be able to offer additional services to people in Craigmillar area, which is busiest food bank in Edinburgh.

However, there are an increasing number of people whose income is still too low to get by even after financial support to help maximise their income. The Edinburgh Food Project is supported by the Trussell Trust and Joseph Rowntree Foundation 'Essentials Guarantee' to make sure that Universal Credit is at least enough to afford the essentials we all need, such as food, energy and basic household goods – and that deductions can never pull people below this level.

Research by the charities reveals that the £85 weekly Universal Credit standard allowance is at least £35 less than the weekly cost of essential items for a single person, contributing to hundreds of thousands of people being forced to use food banks because they can't make ends meet.

What items are needed urgently:

- UHT Milk
- Long-life Fruit Juice
- Jam
- Tinned Cold Meat
- Tinned Fruit

The following items are not needed:

- Pasta
- Tinned Tomatoes

Thank you for your generous support. Joan Adam

Forthcoming Deadlines

Order of service for next week: Thursday at 6.00pm

Next parish magazine *Grapevine*: Friday 7 July at 6.00pm