



St Leonard's & St Mary's Connecting with God, connecting with each other! **Sunday 25th June 2023**

Words of Welcome

Grace and peace to you from the God, the Father who loves us, and from his Son Christ Jesus in whom we rejoice by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us. **Amen**

let us pray:

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn SPIRIT OF TRUTH AND GRACE,

come to us in this place as now in Jesus' name God's people gather. Open our eyes to see truths that will ever be, and in communion draw us close together.

Spirit of joy and peace, make all anxieties cease with knowledge of the Father's perfect caring. Then may God's children know love that won't let us go and joy that fills each day, beyond comparing.

Spirit of life and power, revive us in this hour and stir our hearts to praise with true devotion. Fill us with heavenly fire, and every heart inspire, that we may serve the world with your compassion.

Prayer of Confession

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Therefore let us confess our sins in penitence and faith

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil. For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Kyries Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison Christe, Christe, eleison Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.

Absolution

God who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo ! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

The Collect

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reading from Romans 6.1-11

Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase?

By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus

Hymn LORD, MAKE ME A MOUNTAIN STANDING TALL FOR YOU, Strong and free and holy, in everything I do. Lord, make me a river of water pure and sweet,

Lord, make me the servant of everyone I meet.

Lord, make me a candle shining with Your light, Steadfastly unflickering, standing for the right, Lord make me a fire burning strong for You, Lord, make me be humble in everything I do.

Lord, make me a mountain, strong and tall for You, Lord make me a fountain of water clear and new, Lord make me a shepherd that I may feed Your sheep, Lord make me the servant of everyone I meet.

The Gospel Matthew 10:24-39

Hear the Good News of our risen Lord according to Matthew **Glory to Christ our Saviour**.

'The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

'So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

'Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

'Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn

```a man against his father,

a daughter against her mother,

a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law -

a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."

'Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

At end: give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel **Praise to Christ our Lord.** 

#### Sermon

## Song ASCRIBE GREATNESS TO OUR GOD, THE ROCK,

His work is perfect and all His ways are just. Ascribe greatness to our God, the Rock, His work is perfect and all His ways are just. A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Good and upright is He; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Good and upright is He.

#### Intercessions for today

#### The Peace

We meet in the name of the prince of peace. Let us share God's peace.

Hymn ALL FOR JESUS--ALL FOR JESUS, this our song shall ever be; for we have no hope, nor Saviour, if we have not hope in thee.

> All for Jesus--thou wilt give us strength to serve thee, hour by hour, none can move us from thy presence, while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus--at thine altar thou wilt give us sweet content; there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee in the solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus--thou hast loved us; all for Jesus--thou hast died; all for Jesus--thou art with us; all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus--all for Jesus-this the Church's song must be; till, at last, her sons are gathered one in love and one in thee.

#### Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own we give you. Amen

# **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here **His Spirit is with us.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.** Worship and praise belong to you Father in every place and at all times. You made us, and all the people of the world and everything that is.

You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds. Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

As citizens of heaven, we offer you our praise with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory;

> Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Father you never forget us, or turn away from us even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus, who gave his life for us. He healed those who were sick, cared for those who were poor and cried with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us. For on the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: 'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.'

#### So, as we do what he told us, we open our hearts to him; we remember how he died and rose again for us.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine; that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

#### With all your people we give you thanks and praise through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world **Lord, unite us in this sign.** 

#### Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Song JESUS, LAMB OF GOD: HAVE MERCY ON US Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

#### **Distribution of Communion**

Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing at this time.

#### Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious and his mercy endures for ever

Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**  Hymn O PRAISE YE THE LORD! PRAISE HIM IN THE HEIGHT; rejoice in his word, ye angels of light; ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made, and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

> O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth, in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth; praise him who hath brought you his grace from above, praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone, and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song to him be outpoured all ages along: for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

#### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen!

Please do join with us for refreshments served at the close of the service



As we move into our Churches Summer Programme we flag up the following dates and events for your diary and look forward to seeing you there:

# Saturday 1st July

**Coffee at St Mary's** 10.30am to 12 Noon Come and catch up with friends or make new ones over a cuppa and possibly even some cake.

# Saturday 5th August NO Coffee at St Mary's !!!

However, Join us for an Afternoon Tea in celebration of our Patron Saint St Mary'

Friday 18th August Quiz Night

Bring some friends Teams of 4-6 people Dalkeith Rugby Club 7.30pm. £10 per ticket including Buffet and other activities. The more who come the bigger the prizes so do encourage family and friends

# St Leonard's Beacon of Hope

Our Monday Beacon of Hope activity at St Leonard's will be paused from July to August. We plan to resume in September, We are considering a new look and focus around fellowship and befriending, creating a meeting place for old friends and new

# DOORS OPEN & DAYS &

# St Mary's Church 9th September 2023 10am—4pm

As part of the Midlothian Doors Open Day event we are planning to open the doors to St Mary's to welcome in visitors to the church both from the local community as well as further a field.

Stephen Somerfield is co-ordinating this event at St Mary's and it would be lovely for us to show our support to Steve at this time by offering our time and commitment for an hour on the day to provide a welcome and offer a cuppa to our guests. It would be good to at least have 2 volunteers covering each of the 6 hours that we will be open for on that special day.

