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Yours, LORD,  
is the greatness  
and the power  
and the glory  
and the majesty  
and the splendour,  
for everything  
in heaven  
and earth  
is yours.

All things  
come from you,  
and of your own  
we give you.  
Amen



**Sunday 2nd February 2025**  
Stewardship Week 1

# The Gathering

Grace and Peace to you from God,  
The Father, the Son and Holy Spirit  
**Amen**

Lord You call us to worship you;

**For You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they were created  
and have their being.**

**Hymn FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH,**

For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:

Lord of all to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above;  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect gift of Thine  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces, human and divine,  
Flowers of earth, and buds of heaven:

## Confession and Absolution

Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to draw near and to confess our sin.  
We are not fit to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
there is no other name in heaven or on earth  
by which we can be saved and forgiven.

**Father God, 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.**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgives us and free us from our sins,  
he heals and strengthens us by his Spirit,  
and raises us to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Stewardship Collect

Let us pray

**God, from whom all good things come,  
you shower us with many blessings  
and make us stewards of all that we have been given.  
Give us generous hearts, and make us cheerful givers,  
filled with the desire to see the advancement  
of the Kingdom of your Son,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **The first reading** A reading from Genesis 1 v 26 –28

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

God saw all that he had made, and it was good.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn** **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;

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Good and upright is He.

## **The Gospel** John 15 v1-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit; fruit that will last; and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

This is my command: Love each other.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **A reflection is given**

## **Prayers for Today**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.*

**Hymn BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,**

Slain for us, and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith  
find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace  
around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ,  
torn for you, eat and remember;  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you, drink and remember,  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace  
around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise,  
to respond and to remember,  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering,  
we proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
around the table of the King

## Offertory Prayer

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 be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise.  
Through Jesus Christ your Son,  
you have created us in your own image,  
and made us stewards of your good creation.

**Through him you have taught us to enjoy the beauty of nature,  
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, the beasts of the earth,  
the lilies of the field, and the precious life-giving crops of the earth.**

**Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him up to die upon the cross  
and to rise again for our salvation.**

**Through him, you begin your work of new creation,  
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth  
in which your love and righteousness dwells.**

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,  
and give voice to every creature under heaven,  
ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:  
Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:**

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people,  
and on this bread and wine,  
that all who share this bread and drink this wine  
may praise and glorify you for ever and ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

**Amen**



## The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As good stewards of God's creation,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Communion

*All are welcome to come and receive the gifts of God*

## Prayer after communion

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

Here at your table, loving God,  
we have remembered your sacrifice and boundless generosity.  
By your Spirit at work in us, liberate us from all jealousy and greed,  
that we may respond cheerfully to your gift of life and serve you  
with generous hearts through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## The Blessing

Christ the Son of God  
gladden your hearts and minds  
with the good news of his kingdom;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you,  
now and always.

**Amen**

**Hymn**      **O LORD MY GOD! when I in awesome wonder**  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

## Sending out

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

*Please do join with us for a cuppa and fellowship after the service*



## Messy Church Planning

With thanks to a great team of helpers we continue to plan and look forward to our next Messy Church gatherings.

Due to a number of different diary clashes our next Planning Meetings will take place on Tuesday 4th of February 12.30pm in St Mary's. We will be looking at the theme of "Forgiveness" and be considering how we communicate that through our crafts, activities, food, songs and stories.

Messy Church next meets on Saturday 22nd February 4-6pm.



## Home Baking Delights

If you are able to help us stock our Cake Stall or maybe able to offer an hour to staff the stall please do get in touch with Fiona at the Church Office.

Tray Bakes, Loafs and other treats are all welcome, please include an ingredients list

## Newbyres Knitting Group

Our Knitting Group meets on Thursday 27th February at the Newbyres Nursing Home Gorebridge at 10.30am.

This provides a lovely opportunity for residents and members of the group to socialise and knit or chat together. It is both a practical caring group as well as a resourceful group often making items of need such as Premature baby outfits, or Trauma or comfort Teddies. You don't need to Knit just come and enjoy the chat and share God's love.



## LENT 2025

It is planned that our Lent courses for this year will begin on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th of March and will meet weekly for seven weeks up until Easter. Please consider joining in as we journey once more to the Cross reflecting on Jesus mission and love and how that impacts our purpose and lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.



# St Mary's Church

(Dalkeith Country Park)

in conjunction with

Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home

## PET FOOD BANK

### Tuesday 4th February

10am-12 Noon

Need some help to feed your pets, pop into St Mary's where we have a pop up pet food bank be sure of a warm welcome and a cuppa!

Dogs welcome!



Donations of unopened pet food are welcome either at the church or at Scents by Katrina/Dixie's Natural deli (Woodburn Park, Dalkeith, EH22 2DE) We particularly need tinned dog food as that is the most popular request!



**St Leonard's 10am**

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