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*The
greatest
gift*

*For God so loved the world
that he gave his Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish
but have eternal life.*

Sunday 9th February 2025
Stewardship Week 2

The Gathering

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

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 IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND

He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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,
for 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 Romans 5 :1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Hymn **O LORD, YOUR TENDERNESS**

melting all my bitterness!
O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, Your loveliness,
changing all my ugliness,
O Lord, I receive your love,
O Lord, I receive your love,
O Lord, I receive your love

O Lord, Your Holiness
Cleanses all my sinfulness,
O Lord, I receive your love,
O Lord, Your Majesty
Lifts my soul and sets me free,
O Lord, I receive your love,
O Lord, I receive your love,
O Lord, I receive your love.

The Gospel John 3 v13-17

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

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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 **HERE IS LOVE vast as the ocean,**
Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love for all the ages
risen Lamb of Heaven He stands.
Calling home His Father's children
holding forth his wounded hands.
We are called to feast forever
at the table of our Lord
and day by day to love each other
till his kingdom is restored.

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;
who freely gave us the gift of life
through Christ your son
so that we might become holy
and reconciled to you.

We therefore give thanks,
and remember that on the night your Son was betrayed,
He 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,
Send the Holy Spirit on your people,
and be 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 **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O God my Father,**
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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

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.



Funeral and Service of Celebration for the life of Elizabeth Thomson

Friday 14th February 2025

1pm at St Mary's.

The funeral and service of celebration for Elizabeth's life will take place in St Mary's followed by light refreshments being served at the Stair Arms on the A68 road into Pathhead EH37 5TX. To which everyone is invited.

After the church service family and close family friends will attend a short service of committal at Mortonhall Crematorium before join the guest at the Stair Arms Hotel. The dress code is smart casual with colour if you desire to reflect Elizabeth joy of life.

14th

Midlothian



Scouts

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Coffee Morning Saturday 1st March

10am—1pm



Cash or card
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Tombola,
Raffle

Fundraising event for Scouts and Explorers

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