

## **Sunday Service 5th February 2023 at Kingussie Parish Church.**

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Service at Kingussie Parish Church this morning.

Church notices - Joint service next week 12th February in Kingussie at 10:30

Kingussie Church :-

Monday lunch restarts on 6th February 2023 from 12:30. All welcome.

Wednesday 8th February from 9:00. Babies and Toddlers restart.

Thursday 9th February Warm space will operate from 10:00 until 16:00

Hot drinks and snacks available throughout the day, with soup and bread at lunchtime. Craft activities including knitting, sewing, glass painting and friendly chat.

Everyone is welcome to pop in.

Foodshare table also available.

Please note

Next Sunday's service 12th February is a joint service and it will be held in Kingussie Parish Church at 10:30

### **Let us Pray - Opening Prayer**

Sovereign God, accept this time of worship, and help us through it to draw nearer to you. Open our hearts to the love of Christ, our lives to the movement of your Spirit, our minds to all that you are and continue to do,

and so may we worship you not just in these few moments that we have set aside, but in every moment of our lives. Amen

**1st Hymn 281** People, look East. The time is near

**1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 2 ch v 1-12**

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

**God's Wisdom Revealed by the Spirit**

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen,

what no ear has heard,

and what no human mind has conceived"—

the things God has prepared for those who love him—

These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

**2nd Hymn 738** Glorious things of the are spoken

**2nd Reading: Matthew Ch 5 v 13-20**

“ You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

### **The Fulfillment of the Law**

“ Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

**3rd Hymn 122** Let all the world in every corner sing

### **Let us Pray**

#### **Adoration**

Worthy of praise from every mouth, of confession from every tongue, Of worship from every creature, is your glorious name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God for ever.

You created the world in your grace, and by your compassion you redeemed it. Heaven and earth are full of your praises:

Glory be to you, O God most high. Gracious Father, your might is beyond measure, your wisdom is beyond knowledge, your love beyond all telling. You have put eternity into our hearts, and made us hunger and thirst for you. That we may find life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## **CHOIR ANTHEM: I will sing the wondrous story**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

Matthew seeks to show Jesus as a second Moses. The flight into Egypt echoes Moses' flight into the desert; the killing of the Holy Innocents echoes the infant Moses in danger from Pharaoh. Jesus tempted in the wilderness is like Moses in the wilderness. Moses went up Mount Sinai to convey the Law to the people; Jesus ascended a mountain to teach the people.

Jesus says, "Do not think I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil."

Last week we rejoiced in the Lord as our light and salvation. This week we hear our Lord asking us to be the light of the world. So he is asking us to share in his light and ministry. Jesus asks us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Notice how these qualities are to be for all; they are not restricted to the Jews or to members of the Church. The Gospel is all-inclusive.

Salt was a very precious commodity in the time of Jesus. Sometimes it was used to pay Roman soldiers- the word 'salary' comes from the salt used as wages. The Romans said that salt was the purest of all things because it was made from two pure things : the sun and the sea. The very purity of salt prevents corruption – it stops food going bad.

The Christian is asked to be an example : to work to prevent evil and to stop society from going bad. As this can sound negative, we must remember that salt gives taste and zest to food, it brings out the flavour and stops things being insipid. We are called to reveal the joy of living, to show that life has flavour and to stop so much insipid living. A high calling, but it is ours in Christ.

'You are the light of the world.' In the ancient world to keep a light burning somewhere was of the utmost importance. If your light went out , you had to go and borrow a light from someone else. All lights receive their light from somewhere. We receive our light from Jesus Christ. The light we give out is a reflected light, a light we have received from Jesus.

Light is to be seen not hidden. We cannot keep our faith a secret but must share it with others and so bring them to the One who is the Light of all. We are called to show the light in the way we live. We are witnesses to the true Light that has come into the world. There is so much darkness and so many dark places that can overcome us without the light of Christ. We are called to bring that light to the world.

Light is often there as a guide, to warn of danger, to lead people to where they ought to be. Those who have received Christ are asked to guide and lead others to him and to the Father of light. Jesus calls us, saying, 'Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and and give glory to your Father in Heaven.

Amen.

### **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

Blessed are you, Lord God, Giver of life and Creator of love. We give you thanks and praise for the light of each day and for the light of the Gospel as revealed in our Saviour Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the life that you give us and we delight in your presence.

As we give thanks for the light of Jesus Christ we ask that this light may shine in our lives and in the whole Church. We ask your blessing upon rulers and leaders who have difficult decisions to make concerning the world and who are often not sure which way to go.

We pray for all who work to bring freedom and justice to all people, those who seek to relieve the poor and care for the oppressed. We pray for those who feel that they are working in the dark and unable to find their way.

We remember today all who walk in darkness and in the shadow of fear or death. We bring before you friends and loved ones who are ill or who are finding it hard to cope with life.

We remember those who have lost loved ones recently, comfort them Lord. May we help to bring your light and life to our homes and to all our relationships. And now, we join together saying :-

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen

**Our closing Hymn 554** Rock of ages, cleft for me. please remain standing following this Hymn for the Benediction

### **BENEDICTION**

Go now, with love in your hearts, light in your eyes, and life in your souls. Go in the service of Christ, to proclaim what he has done for you and share what he has given , to his glory.

Amen

**Hymn 786** May the God of peace go with us