

## **Order of Service 18th July 2021**

**Welcome**, Good morning and welcome to worship, this morning.  
We will be Celebrating Communion in our Service

**HYMN: 19 Ye gates lift up your heads**

**Our first reading this morning is Psalm 23:1-6 read for us by Mr Sandy Peebles**

**Prayer** 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;

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass human understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading this morning is: **Mark: 6: 30-34, 53-56 read for us by Mr Sandy Peebles**

**Thought for this morning:**

We have heard the words of Psalm 23, in a recent book by Malcolm Guite's book David's Crown, contained in it is a Lyrical poem on Psalm 23 titled

Shepherd's Sonnet by Jock Stein

Contradictions with a sudden dark to overtake our cosiness, our rosy Hope's. The unexpected snakes devour the flimsy ladders that we pick and park for easy climbs to happiness. Who knows, we might today be falling, calling out for God to hear us, hold us, help us, fold us in those arms that felt the hammer blows to nails through ankles, wrists – such love to meet the cost of shepherding the likes of us; or

finding courage in the cold of night, the daytime heat, the struggles of the street. You fill my cup with hope again: indeed I find, with you, I've everything I need. The value of poetry here is drawing our attention to the cost of shepherding (behind the sunny days and romantic mountains,) the contrast between green pastures and dark valley's, there is the presence of God as the one certainty and our final hope.

Today these verses from Mark have been used to underline the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus as a shepherd and perhaps to highlight the constant pressures on Jesus and His disciples with need for rest and retreat. Mark has arranged the contents of his gospel very carefully. It starts in His home town of Nazareth, then the disciples are sent out to preach and to heal. While they are away there is the brutal death of John the Baptist, after which the disciples are now called apostles. Their retreat does not happen due to the demands of the crowds on Jesus. One thing that is brought to our attention is how quickly the crowds gather when they hear where Jesus is. This text highlights a clear witness to Jesus as the supreme teacher and healer. Amen

**Kingussie Choir** 'God is our refuge and our strength.'

## **COMMUNION**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Son , that everyone who has faith in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus said, ' I am the vine; you are the branches. Anyone who dwells in me as I dwell in him, bears much fruit ; apart from me you can do nothing. As the Father has loved me , so have I loved you. Dwell in his love. I have spoken this to you, so that my joy may be in you, and your joy complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

## INVITATION

This is the Lord's Table. Our Saviour invites us to share the feast he has prepared.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

## **NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION**

Hear the words of the Institution of the Lord's Supper, according to St Paul:

The tradition which I handed on to you came to me from the Lord himself: that on the night of his arrest the Lord Jesus took bread , and after giving thanks to God broke it, and said 'This is my body , which is for you; do this in memory of me .' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said: This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me,' For every time you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

## **Let us pray**

Great and wonderful are your works God the Creator of all.

We thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived our human life and knew our Joy's and sorrows. He showed your love ; he healed the sick ; he was a friend to sinners. In obedience to you, he took up his cross and died in love for us and all the world . You raised him from the dead to live and reign for ever, the friend of sinners still. Amen

Heavenly Father , send your Holy Spirit to bless us and these your gifts of bread and wine, that in Communion with Christ our Lord we may receive his life and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory. As we share in the body and blood of Christ , may we become a living sacrifice , dedicated and fit for your acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord saying together 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 debtor 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

### **Breaking of Bread**

We do this in obedience to Christ's example and command. On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread (minister takes bread) and after giving thanks to God he broke it and said: 'This is my body which is broken for you; do this in memory of me.

In the same way he took the cup ( Minister raises the cup) and said: ' This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood . Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me .

( Hold up the bread) Take, eat. This is the body of Christ, which is broken for you. Do this, remembering him.

(Hold up the Cup) This cup is the new covenant sealed by Christ's blood which was shed that the sins of many might be forgiven.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Let us Pray

Loving God, we praise you for your goodness to us at our Lord's Table. You have fed us with the bread of life, made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth, and assured us of your everlasting love. We pray for the Church of Jesus Christ especially for all our congregations. That many may believe in your love , and live to give you glory. We pray for all who are in trouble whether in body, mind or spirit, that they may know the comfort and healing of your presence day by day. We pray for our families and friends and all God's people world wide. Amen

**HYMN 200** Christ is made the sure foundation.

KINGUSSIE Before the Benediction please look up Hymn 786 May the God of Peace, we sing this following the BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION**

The peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, guard your hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus. And the blessing of God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always. Amen