

## **Order of Service 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Prelude:** John Crombie

**Words of Welcome;** Good morning and welcome to worship, some verses from Psalm 66

Let all the earth acclaim God. Sing To the glory of his name. Come and see what God has let the sound of his praise be heard. Blessed is God who has not withdrawn from us his love and care.

The opening music was part of 'Prelude' by Alfred Holling played for us by John Crombie on the Kingussie Organ.

**Hymn: 465** Be thou my vision

**Prayer:**

Lord God, the wonders of your creation, the splendour of the heavens, the beauty of the earth, the order and richness of nature, all speak to us of your glory. The coming of your Son, the presence of your Spirit, the fellowship of Your Church, show us the marvel of your love. We worship and adore you, God of grace and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Reading:** Mark 5:21-43 brought to us by Mrs Eppy Mackay

**First thought + intro to 2<sup>nd</sup> Hymn**

The readings for this Sunday face us with, among other things , the complexity of love, suffering , justice, faith and hope. Each of our readings highlights our utter dependence upon God . Both Jairus and the woman were at the point of despair and they both recognised that Jesus could relieve this. A number of times in Mark's Gospel account, Jesus tells those whom He has healed not to tell others, so why does Jesus go out of His way to make the healing of the woman public ? It is not to draw attention to Himself or to unnecessarily embarrass the woman, but no doubt she was embarrassed that. It is thought that it was possibly to do with giving her the deep

assurance that she was precious to God and public recognition that she was healed. The woman would no longer be prohibited from worship and she could be fully integrated into the community and its worship. Jesus reassured the woman who had touched his robe, he said to her “Daughter , your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction. Whilst Jesus was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher the teacher further? Jesus said to the ruler of the Synagogue, “Do not be afraid; only believe”. Jesus did not allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James and John, when he arrived at the house he said to the crowd who had gathered “ that the child is not dead but asleep.” Jesus entered the house with the mother and father of the child and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was, the words he spoke to the child when translated mean “Little girl, I say to you, arise. Immediately the girl arose and walked , all present were amazed. Jesus advised that no one should know and said that he child should be given something g to eat. Both Jairus and the woman were at the point of despair; they put their faith in Jesus and their prayers were answered. In verse 30 what is the significance of Jesus being aware that power had gone from him?? The detail we may never know, but it highlights that Jesus' ministry had an effect on Him and he was overcome perhaps by tiredness. Amen

**Hymn 153** Great is thy faithfulness

**Reading:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:7-15 brought to us by Mr Sandy Peebles

**Second thought + Intro to 3<sup>rd</sup> Hymn**

Paul is finding out that the Church in Corinth is certainly challenging, It held many Joy's but equally it held many concerns. When Paul had written earlier to the Corinthians he had instructed them, and others, to set aside , each week, an offering for the needs of the church in Jerusalem. Paul reminds them that the source of their

motivation must be one of love , not arid obedience, therefore he does not command them, but advises them. Paul advises them that they should not be distracted from doing this.

Paul reminds them that they must be motivated by God' s love for them, he therefore does not command them, but advises them that they must continue their giving , this must be according to their means. We are all equal in God's eyes and we give what we can to our churches, it is our decision.

This passage highlights for us the importance that our weekly/ monthly offerings make to our Churches when we read about the drop of income for all of our Churches during the pandemic. It will lead to many changes in the months ahead.

As it is written “He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack.”

How will we move forward? It is difficult to comprehend what or where our Church will be in five years time. There have been problems before we must all come together seeking to go forward together to love and serve the Lord. Amen

We now listen to **Hymn 641** Seek ye first the kingdom of God

**Prayer** : Let us pray

Blessed are you , Lord our God, for you have called us to be your people, to represent you and to show your love. By the power of your Spirit enable us to live and work to your praise and glory.

We give thanks for all who have gone out in mission and proclaimed the Good News in word and deed.

Father, we thank you for the love of our homes and ask your blessings upon our families and friends. We remember all who live

on their own who have found it difficult during the early months of Covid. We give thanks for all the agencies who have been involved in caring for people in their homes.

We remember all medical staff, in our hospitals locally and further afield. We ask your blessing upon all who are terminally ill and those caring for them. We pray for helpers who feel exhausted or feel they are not appreciated.

We pray for our Mission Partners in Nepal, Joel and Fiona Havenstein and their children who are with them. Life in Nepal at this time is difficult. Guard them and the people of Nepal. We pray for their safe return to the UK.

We give thanks that, through Christ the way to the fullness of your kingdom is open to us. We pray for loved ones departed. We remember those in our parishes who have lost loved ones recently.

Merciful Father , accept these our prayers . Amen

**Dedication of Offerings:** Gracious God, for your love which brought us into being, which surrounds us each day, we bring these gifts as a token of our gratitude and a symbol of our commitment. Amen

**Hymn 739** The Church's one foundation

## **BENEDICTION**

Go in the love of Christ. May the Lord bless you and guard you; may the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace. Amen

The Postlude is 'Palace Beautiful' by Richard Shephard. Played by John Crombie on the Kingussie Organ.

