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Sunday 14th August - 10am

The Times they are a changing



From Sunday 7th August to Sunday 30th October Sunday Morning worship will begin at 10am in both Churches.

This is for a trial period and we welcome your feedback. However we are aware that this change will also call for us to consider a different pattern of worship as it is unclear whether we can operate as we currently are. More details to follow.....

Welcome

The Lord be with you And also with you

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 LORD, FOR THE YEARS Your love has kept and guided, Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

> Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation, Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care: For young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt You, Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain, Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You: Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us – Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne, Past put behind us, for the future take us: Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are his children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God our Father, 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, forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Collect Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading Hebrews 11.29-12.2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

And what more shall I say?

I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who

through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again.

There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated, the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hymn SPEAK, O LORD, AS WE COME TO YOU

to receive the food of your holy word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all your purposes for your glory. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility; Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

GospelHear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 12.49-56Glory to Christ our Saviour

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sermon

Intercessions *Prayer is offered for the Church, the world and its people*

PeaceThe peace of the Lord be always with you.And also with you

We share a sign of 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 Offering: 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 him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you. Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.

He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: 'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: 'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.'

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

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. Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Distribution of Communion

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Hymn MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOUR

Live in me from day to day, By His love and pow'r controlling All I do and say.

May the Word of Christ dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour, So that all may see I triumph Only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in every thing, That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me, As the waters fill the sea; Him exalting, self abasing, This is victory.

May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe, Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.

Dismissal

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

do join with us for refreshments served at the close of the service



Supporting Ukrainian Refugees

As we have been waiting and praying about hosting a Ukrainian family much work has been taking place in preparation. This includes a vetting procedure by

Midlothian Council which is the last step before we will be allocated a family.

SO now is the time to consider pledging your on-going support or making a one off donation in aid of the churches effort to house a refugee family.

You can make an online bank transfer using St Leonard's Account

Bank of Scotland Account No: 00908045

Sort Code: 80 06 29

Please mark the payment Ukraine Refugee.

Or place a donation in an envelope marked "Ukraine Refugee" and place it in our weekly offering plate or pass to Anne McKay at St Mary's or Tom Mooney at St Leonard's. If you are able to pledge a monthly amount for the next six months to a year please do speak to your treasurer about the best way to make a regular donation. Thank You

