



Romans 6:23

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Connecting with God, connecting with each other!
Sunday 2nd July 2023*

Words of Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and from his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord,
in whose name we gather to worship and celebrate.

Amen

let us pray:

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 ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED,
all my trust he shall renew;
he, my guide through changing order,
only good and only true:
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Day by day our mighty giver
grants to us his gift of love;
in his will our souls find pleasure,
leading to our home above:
love shall stand at his hand,
joy shall wait for his command.

Still from Earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done;
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son:
hear Christ's call, one and all –
we who follow shall not fall.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have taught us through you Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reading from Romans 6. 12-23

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US,

How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

The Gospel We read from Matthew 10 v40 –42

*Hear the Good News of our risen Lord according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour.*

Jesus said 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.'

*At end: give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel
Praise to Christ our Lord.*

Sermon

A declaration of faith

Let us stand together and declare our faith

**We believe in one God,
the Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
Source of all life and all love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son,
Fully God, fully human,
Saviour of the world,
The risen King of kings.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
The very breath and power of God,
Sustainer of our life in Christ.**

**We believe in the church,
Christ's body,
God's family for the spiritually homeless,
Called to be Love and Light,
To pursue justice and show mercy,
To proclaim the Good News of Christ,
To work for the common good of humanity
until Christ shall come or calls us home.**

Amen

Prayer of Confession

Let us be still before the Lord
Rest quietly in his presence, for the Lord is near

(Pause)

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Let us bring before the Lord
the words that may have hurt and all those left unsaid;
the anger we have felt and resentment we have fed.
Let us be still before the Lord
Rest quietly in his presence, for the Lord is near

(Pause)

Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

The Lord is slow to anger and willing to forgive
full of Grace and mercy he seeks to restore us.
Draw near to him rest quietly in his presence
for the Lord is near.

(Pause)

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

**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

Intercessions for today

The Peace

We meet in the name of the prince of peace.
Let us share God's peace.

Hymn

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN,

My Saviour's love to me:
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blessed throne,
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend.

In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death, no friendly tomb,
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was His home;
And mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

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 is here
His Spirit is with us.

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.

You made us,
and all the people of the world
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.
Your Word lights up our minds.
Your Spirit lives in us
so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

As citizens of heaven,
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.

Father you never forget us,
or turn away from us even when we fail you.
You sent your Son Jesus,
who gave his life for us.

He healed those who were sick,
cared for those who were poor
and cried with those who were sad.
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks
in the way that Jesus showed us.

For on the night before he died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
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.'

**So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died
and rose again for us.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit on us
and on this bread and this wine;
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,
and that, sharing your life,
we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

**With all your people
we give you thanks and praise
through the Son
and in the Spirit,
now and for ever. 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

Let us Pray

**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

Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing at this time.

Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious
and his mercy endures for ever
**God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace.
Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ
and renew us as disciples of His Gospel,
that all the world may call him Lord.
We ask this in his name. Amen**

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

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

Dismissal

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



As we move into our Churches Summer Programme we flag up the following dates and events for your diary and look forward to seeing you there:

Saturday 5th August **NO Coffee at St Mary's !!!**
However, Join us for an Afternoon Tea
in celebration of our Patron Saint St Mary'

Friday 18th August **Quiz Night**

Bring some friends Teams of 4-6 people
Dalkeith Rugby Club 7.30pm. £10 per ticket including
Buffet and other activities. The more who come the
bigger the prizes so do encourage family and friends



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