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and burdened, and I will give you  
rest. Take my yoke upon you and  
learn from me, for I am gentle and  
humble in heart, and you will find  
rest for your souls.**

**Matthew 11:28-29**

# **Connect**

*St Leonard's & St Mary's  
Connecting with God, connecting with each other!  
Sunday 9th July 2023*

## Words of Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God,  
the Father who loves us, and from his Son Christ Jesus  
in whom we rejoice by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us.

**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      **DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND**

Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee,  
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace,  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm,  
O still small voice of calm!

## **Prayer of Confession**

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:  
that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Therefore 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**

## **The Collect**

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do  
for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to  
serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and  
died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. Amen**

## Reading from Romans 7.15-25

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## Hymn **I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY:**

'Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon My breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
'Behold I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
'I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,  
And all thy day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk,  
Till travelling days are done.

**The Gospel**      We read from Matthew 11 v16-19, & v25-30

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

'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others:

"We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon." The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

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

## Sermon

### A declaration of faith

As the body of Christ we declare our faith together

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### Intercessions for today

#### The Peace

We meet in the name of the prince of peace.

**Let us share God's peace.**

Peace be with you  
**and also with you**

#### Hymn

#### **O LET THE SON OF GOD ENFOLD YOU**

With His Spirit and His love,  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let Him have the things that hold you,  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus,  
Come and fill Your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus,  
Come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy,  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
O give Him all your tears and sadness,  
Give Him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

## 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**

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

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and 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

O God, may we who have shared in holy things  
never fail to serve you in your world,  
and so come to the fullness of joy,  
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      **THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want.**

He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

## Dismissal

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

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



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**      **Afternoon Tea 2.30pm at St Mary's**

In celebration of our Patron Saint, Mary Mother of our Lord we invite you to a special afternoon tea from 2pm in St Mary's Church

### **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

## **St Leonard's Beacon of Hope**

Our Monday Beacon of Hope activity at St Leonard's will be paused from July to August. We are planning to resume in September, We are considering a new look and focus around fellowship and befriending, creating a meeting place for old friends and new

# Word Search Puzzle

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