



**FOR HIS
SPIRIT JOINS
WITH OUR SPIRIT
TO AFFIRM THAT WE
ARE GOD'S
CHILDREN.**

Romans 8:16 NLT



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*St Leonard's & St Mary's
Connecting with God, connecting with each other!
Sunday 23rd July 2023*

Words of Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God, the Father
and from his Son Christ Jesus, our Lord,
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 **THE SUN COMES UP, IT'S A NEW DAY DAWNING**

It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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 has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you
in spirit and in truth; 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 8.14-25

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Hymn **FATHER GOD, I WONDER how I managed to exist**
Without the knowledge of Your parenthood and Your loving care.
But now I am Your son, I am adopted in Your family,
And I can never be alone,
'Cause Father God, You're there beside me.

I will sing Your praises,
I will sing Your praises,
I will sing Your praises,
Forever more.
I will sing Your praises,
I will sing Your praises,
I will sing Your praises,
Forever more.

The Gospel We read from Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

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

Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

'The owner's servants came to him and said,

“Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?” “An enemy did this,” he replied. ‘The servants asked him, “Do you want us to go and pull them up?” “No,” he answered, “because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect in the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather in the wheat and bring it into my barn.”’

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.’

He answered, ‘The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

‘As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

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

Sermon

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

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 sons 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.

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 IS THE LORD,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come,
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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 upon this bread and wine;
that they may be to us 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, as we are strengthened by your love
may our lives be a continual offering of service to you,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through 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

WHO AM I THAT THE HIGHEST KING

would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in

Oh His love for me

Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin

Jesus died for me

Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God, Yes I am

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God, Yes I am

I am chosen

Not forsaken

I am who You say I am

You are for me

Not against me

I am who You say I am

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*

UKRAINIAN UPDATE

The Raichevs (our initial family) continue to be happily settled in Dalkeith and you may have come across them as they have attended the summer Fair.



Alla, who has been coming along to St. Leonard's on a regular basis, was joined by her son, Vasily, and partner Olena, this week as their visa applications were successful. Alla has started renting a semi in Gorebridge (Birkenside) and would like to thank all of you for the generous donations which have helped make her house a home. Anastasiya, Alla's daughter, who will be in her last year at Dalkeith High, secured a place on the St. David's Gorebridge bus so did not have to change schools. We are hoping that Olena and Vasily will find work but we have found that many employers want good English so they may have to do a language course.

Katya's piano and organ playing continue to delight us although we are never sure about the tempo or when to start singing. However as we get used to each other, this will resolve! She will start accompanying the Dalkeith singers in their new term. Her family like living in Loanhead not least because it is near IKEA!

Nadiia who was living with Alison Bruce moved to Dalkeith to live with her daughter Yana and grandson Matvey last week and is settling in well, though she does profess to miss Oxton and in particular Kerry (Alison's little Jack Russell) very much! The family are very happy with their new home and have the convenience of having a bus stop right outside their door.

Nadiia intends to continue to be a regular at St Leonard's.

All our Ukrainian families that we have been helping over this past year are extremely grateful for the love and support they have received from all of us.

Quiz Night

Come on your own or bring some friends. If you come on your own or with a friend we will try and team you up to make Teams of 4-6 people

Friday 18th August Dalkeith Rugby Club 7.30pm.
£10 per ticket including Buffet and other activities.

Tickets on sale from Anne, Margaret, Rebecca BH at St Mary's and Alison, Tricia, Julie at St Leonard's or contact the church office.

Word Search Puzzle

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