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The Scottish Episcopal Churches of  
**St Leonard's & St Mary's**  
Sunday 2nd June 2024



*And He said to them,*  
"THE SABBATH  
was made for man,  
*and not*  
man *for the Sabbath.*  
Therefore the  
*Son of Man*  
is also LORD  
of the  
SABBATH."  
Mark 2:27-28



Dear Friends,

As I write preparations are well underway for our annual Summer Fair and BBQ and with thanks to God so far it looks like the weather for the day will be warm and sunny. On behalf of the congregations I want to formally give thanks to everybody who has been involved in whatever capacity.

I especially want to thank the Social Committee who have not only laboured well to make this event a success but have also been very active throughout the year organising a variety of different events for us all to enjoy. With your help and support they have been enabling, widening and building up our relationships across our two churches. As the Psalmist writes in Psalm 133 it is a good thing when we dwell in unity, working and socialising together.

So once again my thanks to the Social Committee and to everybody for coming together and working and socialising together at our Fair.

Peter

## Mid Week Worship

Wednesday's 10am at St Leonard's

Since the end of the pandemic we welcomed the return to in-person worship on a Sunday morning but at that time it was decided to continue online worship on a Wednesday. After reviewing this practice we have agreed to trial a return to in-person worship during the summer months. So from this Wednesday 5th June we will be meeting at St Leonard's from 10am for a service of songs, reading, reflection, prayers and communion. We also plan to live stream the worship to our Facebook and continue to upload the service to our YouTube account later in the day. We welcome you to come and join with us on a Wednesday in-person or watch along online.

## Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
**Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

**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.**

## Hymn

### **LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS.**

Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone  
has power to save us. make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread,  
broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building,  
sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants  
to one another, making your kingdom come.

## 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.  
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.**

## Collect of the day

We pray together

**Lord God of the nations,  
you have revealed your will to all people  
and promised us your saving help.  
May we hear and do what you command,  
that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light;  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## Reading from 2 Corinthians 4.5-12

What we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

**Hymn**

**GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT,**

as year succeeds to year;  
God is working this purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be:  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,  
where human feet have trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
goes forth the voice of God:  
"Give ear to me, ye continents,  
ye isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea."

Let us go forth in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world.  
Let us all fight with sorrow and sin to set the captives free,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed.  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed.  
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

## **Gospel     Mark 2.v23 – 3.v6**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grain fields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain.

The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there.

Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone." Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

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

## **Sermon**

### **Intercessions**

*Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the church and its members.*

## Peace

We meet in Christ name  
**Let us share His's peace.**

### 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.

O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love, interpreted by love.

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!

## 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.**

## Eucharistic Prayer I

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.**

## **The 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 taught us, so we 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 welcomed at our table to receive the Bread and Wine  
of communion reminding us of God's love and welcome to us.*

## THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

**Eternal God, you have fed us at the table of your grace.  
Deliver us from all spiritual pride, and give us a quiet confidence in  
your mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

**LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS, LORD OF ALL JOY,**

Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy;  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe;  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace;  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm;  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

### Dismissal

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

# KHAYA 'HOME'

15th of June  
2-4pm

Khaya 2024  
feedback!

Refreshments  
and Cake!

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With thanks to everyone who helped make Grace's trip to South Africa a success she invites you to an afternoon of Tea and Cake where she will give a short presentation about her visit to Khaya and share some of her stories. There will also be an opportunity to donate to the ongoing work of the Khaya Centre as it seeks to change the lives of children and Young People.



**St Leonard's Sunday 10am**

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