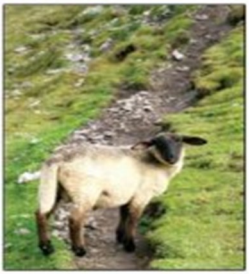
# Parables of Jesus











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*The Scottish Episcopal Churches of*

***St Leonard's & St Mary's***

**Sunday 26th July 2026**

**Welcome**

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

**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.**

This is the day that the Lord has made
**let us rejoice and be glad in it**

**Hymn** **HOLY WORDS LONG PRESERVED**
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.

Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart.

**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 Heavenly loving 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

**Almighty God,**
**you are the protector of all who trust in you,**
**without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:**
**refresh our lives by your indwelling Spirit,**
**that with you as our ruler and guide,**
**we may live to glorify your name,**
**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**
**one God, for ever and ever.**

**Reading from Romans 8 26-39**

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to these things?

If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all. How will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?
It is God who justifies.

Who then is the one who condemns? No one!
Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life, is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Hymn** **JESUS, ALL FOR JESUS**

All I am and have and ever hope to be
Jesus, all for Jesus
All I am and have and ever hope to be

All of my ambitions, hopes and plans
I surrender these into your hands
All of my ambitions, hopes and plans
I surrender these into your hands

For it's only in your will that I am free
For it's only in your will that I am free

**Gospel** **Matthew 13 v31-33 & 44-52**

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

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

**Sermon**

**Intercessions**

**Peace**

We meet in the name of the Prince of Peace
**Let us share His 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.**

## 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 God's love and invitation to us to come*

**THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT**

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

**God of grace and mercy**
**we have received the bread and wine of the kingdom**
**reminding us of the death and resurrection of your Son.**
**May your love, poured into us, bring us home rejoicing.**
**We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.**
**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** **THERE IS A REDEEMER,**
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit—
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

**Dismissal**

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






# COMING SOON

**OCT 03 St Leonard's**

**HARVEST SUPPER**
An evening of food and entertainment. Bring and share supper with some homegrown entertainment.

**AUGUST 22 Craigie Hotel**

**AFTERNOON TEA**
The Craigie Hotel, Penicuik
Cost £26 or £32 with Prosecco. Sign up & pay £5 deposit to guarantee your space.

**NOV 14**

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Details tbc nearer the time. watch out for the sign up sheet.

**SEPT 19 St Leonard's**

**BEETLE DRIVE**
An evening of family fun with homebaking 7pm St Leonard's Hall

**DEC 05 St Mary's**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**
10am with our usual mix of stalls and fun


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