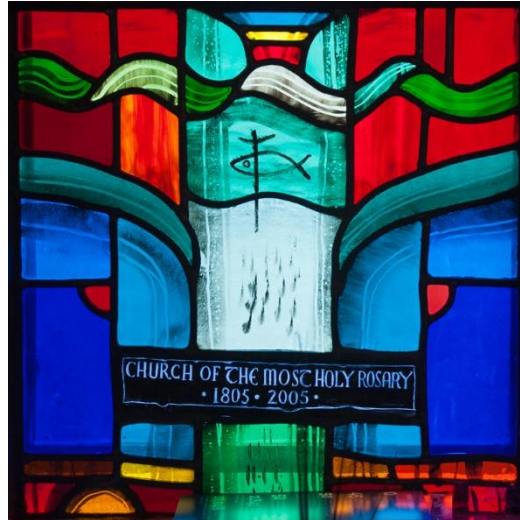


**North Leith Parish Church
Sunday 24 January 2021**



Jesus Fish with Cross

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[Welcome and Call to Worship](#)

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 62)

Wait for God alone
for our hope is from Him,
God alone is our salvation,
God is our fortress, we shall not be shaken
for our honour rests on Him,
God is our mighty rock and refuge,
We trust in Him.

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[Hymn CH4 340 When Jesus saw the fishermen](#)

Prayer of Approach ending with the Lord's Prayer

Loving God,
You come to us as a friend in Jesus
and You stay with us.
We make promises to love and serve You
and You stay with us.
We turn away from You
and You stay with us still,
calling us back to You.

Faithful God,
We are sorry when we focus on our own worlds,
On our jobs, our family and our own lives,
For You sent Jesus to show us how to care for others
and to help us to be better stewards of the whole world,
Not just of our own parts of it.

Forgive us Lord.

Help us to be like the first disciples and
to follow Jesus, without hesitation or holding back and
to follow Him together, building community and unity.

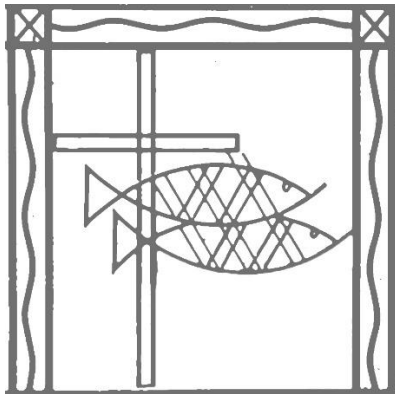
In grateful thanks for your love and guidance Lord,
we pray together the words which Jesus taught us to pray:-

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
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.**

Joint prayer - Mark Cooper and Katherine Taylor

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[Scriptures](#)



1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20.

Reader Stewart Lowe

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[Reflection](#)

Changing Time



Katherine Taylor

Music for Reflection

[Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring](#)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord God, Thank You for Your call on our lives, that You remember us and welcome us as Your children. Thank You that You give us work to do and the abilities to carry it out. Thank you for those who give of themselves for the life of others, caring and healing, teaching and peace keeping, rescuing and saving. Bless them Lord. Thank You for the community of the church in the world and for all in our days that reminds us of You.

God of Hope, our safety is in You. We trust that You are near. We lament the suffering and death caused by the coronavirus in the world and the limitations on life. Give Your strength and hope to us all and also Your wisdom to all who create, make, distribute and administer coronavirus vaccines. Make them effective Lord for all, poor and rich, and release us to new life with the healing of your Kingdom spreading throughout the world.

God of Compassion, Jesus called his disciples to a new way of life by the Sea of Galilee. Inspire change in the lives of those who live now in hatred and division, in conflict with others. Give wisdom and courage to the new administration in the United States of America. Inspire the politicians in our country to work together for the common good of people. Silence strident voices which encourage hate and division. Be with all those who seek new life today, in faith, in moving home or country and in changing work or relationship. In uncertainty Lord, root them in Your love.

God of Unity, Jesus gathered people to Him and He sent His disciples out to reach all people. Guide our church, in our community in Leith, in Scotland and in the world, to speak and walk together in following Jesus and in praising You. Bless the work of the World Council of Churches and all who work to make peace between Your people.

God of Love, we pray now for ourselves and for those who are close to our hearts, those who are bereaved and grieving, those who are ill, those who need Your healing touch and those who need Your peace.

Lord in Your mercy,
Hear all our prayers,
Amen

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[Hymn CH4 644 O Jesus, I have promised](#)

Blessing

May the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us and with all those we love, now and for evermore.

Amen

Voluntary

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[Handel Organ Concerto Op. 4 No 1 Andante](#)

INTIMATIONS

Sunday Services

This Sunday we are joining the congregation of Leith St. Andrew's in Zoom worship at 11am. If you would be interested in joining with this in the future, please contact the church office to ask for the link.

Our online worship is ongoing and is available on our new website at [https://northleithparishchurch.co.uk/online-worship.](https://northleithparishchurch.co.uk/online-worship)

Moderator's Service for 24 January 2020

The Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Dr Martin Fair is hosting a service for today too. The link for viewing (from 24 January) is here [https://youtu.be/ESj9P4y7cgo.](https://youtu.be/ESj9P4y7cgo)

One Church for Leith

Bible study looking at the Letter of 1 John has restarted. All are welcome and if you would like to join, please contact the church office.

Church Family

With sadness, we intimate the death of Miss Christina Hellewell of Grandville, Craighall Road, on 21 January, peacefully at home. Her family are in our prayers.

Kirk Session

There will be another Kirk Session meeting on Wednesday 27 January on Zoom at 19:30.

Thank you to Mark Cooper for his contribution of prayer, our reader Stewart Lowe and to our organist Iain Mackinnon for his choice of voluntary.

Pictures

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