

***North Leith Parish Church
Sunday 10 April 2022
Palm Sunday***

Leader: Alastair Sutherland

Organist: Iain Mackinnon



Entry of Christ into Jerusalem

Opening Voluntary

Agnus Dei. Wolfgang A Mozart. (1756-1791)

Welcome and Intimations

Call to Worship - (from Zechariah 9:9)

Hymn 124 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the
Almighty, the King of creation;
praise God, my soul, for in him
are your health and salvation;
come all who hear,
into his presence draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who in all
things is wondrously reigning,
shields you from harm and is
gently yet firmly sustaining.
Have you not seen
how your heart's wishes have
been
granted by God's wise
ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who with
blessing and power will defend
you;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do:
God will for ever befriend you.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all
that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before
him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly for ever adore him.

Prayer

First Thought.....on Palm Sunday

Hymn 153 Great is thy faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God
my Father,
there is no shadow of turning
with thee;
thou changest not, thy
compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever
wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies
I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath
provided –
great is thy faithfulness, Lord,
unto me

2 Summer and winter, and seed-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Scripture Readings: *Reader: Linda McKee*

Old Testament: Exodus 25: 1-9

Offerings for the tabernacle

25 The LORD said to Moses, ² ‘Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. ³ These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; ⁴ blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ⁵ ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; ⁶ olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; ⁷ and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

⁸ ‘Then let them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. ⁹ Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

New Testament: Acts 3: 1-10

Peter heals a lame beggar

3 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer – at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple

courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, 'Look at us!' ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶ Then Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.' ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognised him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Sermon

Prayers

Doxology– *spoken together*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love,
before, beneath, around, above.**

Dedication of the Offering

Hymn 555 Amazing grace

1 Amazing grace! how sweet
the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am
found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my
heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace
appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils,
and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe
thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good
to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures

Benediction
Threefold Amen

Closing Voluntary

Et vitam venturi. Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Picture

Morgner, Wilhelm, 1891-1917. Entry of Christ into Jerusalem from
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Library, Nashville, TN.

INTIMATIONS

Sunday Services - We welcome Alastair Sutherland, from Newhaven,
who is leading our service today.

Next Sunday, 17 April, **Easter Sunday**, the service will be a joint one
taking place in **Starbank Park at 10.30** am.

There will be some seating in the park but some people may wish to
bring their own folding seat.

If the weather is forecast to be bad the venue will be changed to
North Leith church. If it is to change we shall try to let as many of the

congregation as possible know. You can check the venue on Good Friday by looking at the red banner at the top of the home page of our church website or by phoning the church office in the morning before 12 noon.

Please see the church magazine for information about Holy Week services.

On Sunday 24 April we will have a joint communion service in South Leith church at 11:00

Sharing with other churches:

Daily Prayer group: If you would like to join a local churches WhatsApp mobile phone group, organised by Rev John Tait, to receive a short daily prayer, please speak to Annie or Anne.

Monthly Prayer Diary: If you would like to receive a monthly prayer list, compiled by Newhaven Church, please speak to Annie or Anne.

Weekly Bible Study: If you are interested in joining a Bible Study meeting organised by Newhaven and held on Wednesday evenings by Zoom please speak to Anne or Jimmy.

A Prayer for Palm Sunday

O Christ, You entered the city as a poor man
not in style but simply,
yet still You caused uproar, and questions everywhere;
you drew the expectations of a hungry crowd,
and brought buried conflicts to the light.
May we, who are sometimes swayed by the crowd's
approval,
and who often avoid conflict

for fear of its cost to us,
hold fast to the gospel of peace and justice
and follow faithfully in your way of compassion and solidarity
with those who are poor and excluded,
wherever it may lead us.
Amen.

*By Kathy Galloway
included in Christian Aid reflection and prayers for April 2017*

