

North Leith Parish Church

1816 - 2024

Sunday 24 March 2024

Palm Sunday

(Final Sunday Worship in North Leith Parish Church, Madeira Street)



Interim Moderator: Karen McKay

Locum Minister: Rev. John Tait

Organist: Iain Mackinnon

Opening Organ Voluntary

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Welcome *Karen McKay*

Call to Worship *Karen McKay*

Palm Sunday Reading *Rev. John Tait*

Hymn 367 Hosanna, loud hosanna

(During this hymn – Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, and others involved in service will process with Palm Leaves).

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through city street and temple
their joyful welcome rang.
They shouted out their praises
to Christ, the children's friend,
who welcomes all with blessing,
whose love will never end.

2. From Olivet they followed,
a large exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud;
bright angels joined the chorus,
beyond the cloudless sky,
'Hosanna in the highest!
Glory to God on high!'

3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
Oh, may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.

Prayer of Approach and Confession *Karen McKay*

Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Introduction to Service *Rev. John Tait*

Hymn 737 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life.

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

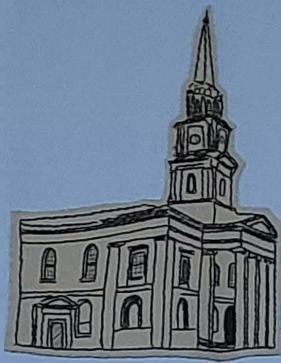
Refrain:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

2. Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow? [Refrain]

3. Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
while your anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

4. Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past for evermore? [Refrain]



1816



ST. NINIANS
1980



BONNINGTON
1968



HARPER
MEMORIAL
1940



1493



ST. NICHOLAS



Poem "Conclusion" by Alan Addison

(While poem being read the organist will play the tune "North Leith").

I heard an echo of the past
From the fourteen hundreds on,
That many thought was going to last
Until North Leith was gone.

Ministers, Kings, and people cried
"A Parish Kirk"
As the foundation stones were laid
To service North Leith folk,
From gentleman to maid.

Yon parish grew accordingly
In worship and in faith
The glory bells outdoing
Henry's canon and Rough Wooing

But modern times they came on fast,
As echoes faded from the past,
And the raven cried NEVERMORE
Benorth the brig, down to the Shore

Aye, North Leith's still here
But her kirk is gone
Remembered only in a sunset song,
Sung when Easter time draws near

For He, our Lord, is not forsaken
Nor to death is taken
Great buildings, houses, they may fall
Yet Jesus teaches love is all.

He is in every nook and cranny
In every child, and their Granny
He dictates the word of mouth
Be it North, or be it South,
Or be it both as one
Our guide remains the Son.

Sharing of Memories

Margaret McGregor shares some of her memories in conversation with Jimmy Hudson

All sing Hymn 776 “Kyrie Eleison”

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Lucy Mackenzie’s memories *(shared by Annie Addison)*

Angus (Gus) Gilchrist’s memories *(shared by Jimmy Hudson)*

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Reflection Organ Voluntary

All in an April evening Hugh S Robertson (1874-1952)

Old Testament Psalm 43:3-5 *Margot Hudson*

³Oh, send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to thy holy hill and to thy dwelling! ⁴Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise thee with the lyre, O God, my God. ⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

New Testament Reading John 15:1-17 *Jimmy Hudson*

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ This I command you, to love one another.

Reflection *Rev. John Tait*

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 forever wilt be.

Refrain

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. [Refrain]

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

Prayers of Intercession and Dedication *Rev. John Tait*



Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn 19 Ye gates

Ye gates lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this;
even that same Lord that great in might
and strong in battle is.

Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
But who is he that is the King,
the King of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

Coda:
Alleluia! alleluia!
alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Amen, amen, amen.

Spoken by all during Thanksgiving Prayer

**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.**

Presentations

Preamble to Leave taking.



Hymn 419 Thine be the glory

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

3. No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. [Refrain]

Closing Organ Voluntary

Trumpet Voluntary Henry Purcell. (1659-1695)



Lectern Bible, Baptismal Bowl, and Communion Cup are carried from the Church – Congregation to follow these.

Benediction and Blessing (Outside) *Rev. John Tait*

