

Sunday 15th September, 2024 11.00 am
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Church of Scotland Guild Dedication
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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 214 **New every morning is the love**

- 1 New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.
- 2 New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
- 3 If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.
- 4 The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.
- 5 Prepare us, Lord, in your dear love
for perfect life with you above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

Call to prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 262 **For the world and all its people,**

- 1 For the world and all its people,
we address our prayers to God.
*Confidently, all can worship
in the presence of the Lord.*
- 2 All the powerless, all the hungry
are most precious to their God.
- 3 For the poor, God has a purpose,
for the desperate, a word.
- 4 Christ is here, and Christ is stronger
than the strength of sin or sword.
- 5 God will fill the earth with justice
when our will and his accord.

Spanish, from *Misa Popular Nicaraguense*,
English version John L. Bell (b. 1949)

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Proverbs 1:20-33

James 3:1-12

Anthem

St. Mark 8:27-38

Hymn 10 **The stars declare his glory; (Psalm 19)**

- 1 The stars declare his glory ;
the vault of heaven springs
mute witness of the Master's hand
in all created things,
and through the silences of space
their soundless music sings.
- 2 The dawn returns in splendour,
the heavens burn and blaze,
the rising sun renews the race
that measures all our days,
and writes in fire across the skies
God's majesty and praise.
- 3 So shine the Lord's commandments
to make the simple wise ;
more sweet than honey to the taste,
more rich than any prize,
a law of love within our hearts,
a light before our eyes.
- 4 So order too this life of mine,
direct it all my days ;
may meditations of my heart
be innocence and praise,
my rock and my redeeming Lord,
in all my words and ways.

based on Psalm 19 Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)
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Sermon



"The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages both women and men to commit

their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action."

Act of Dedication

"Whose we are and whom we serve."

The Church was commissioned by its Lord to go into the entire world, and make disciples of all nations. The Church of Scotland Guild is part of the Church, and rejoices that it is called to share in the tasks of spreading the Gospel, and in particular, to encourage both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enable them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.

OFFICE-BEARERS (standing):

God has called you to serve his church in your work in the Guild. By your prayerful preparation, work and example, will you seek to unite the members of the Guild in the dedication of their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship and service?

Will you?

We will, God being our helper.

May God grant you grace to be faithful in your service, enabling you, by his grace to continue to give worthy service at all times.

MEMBERS (standing):

As members of the Church of Scotland Guild, you are part of the world-wide family of the church of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to be loyal members of the Guild and to support the activities of this group?

Do you?

We do, God being our helper.

Choral Amen (3-fold)