

Sunday 20th July, 2025
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Minister: Rev. Ian Taylor, A.C.I.B.S., B.D., Th.M., Dip. P.S.R.P.
Musical Director: Mr. Alan Craig. B.Mus., P.G.C.E
Guest Preacher: Rev. Janet Mathieson M.A., B.D., A.L.C.M., P.G.S.E.

Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

Intimations

- We welcome Rev. Janet S Mathieson, M.A., B.D., A.L.C.M., P.G.S.E. to our Pulpit this morning.
- Please ensure all mobile phones 📱 are switched off or in silent mode during the Service.
- Please place your offering in the Offering Plates as these are uplifted during the Service.
- Tea and Coffee will be available after Church today in the Cameron Hall.
- There will NOT be a Vestry Hour or midweek service until 30th July, 2025.
- Gallus Outlaws Theatre Group presents 'A Wee Dod O' Glesca' to celebrate Glasgow's 850th Birthday through songs and sketches at Springfield Cambridge Church on 25th July at 7.30 pm and on 26th July at 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm. Tickets priced £5.00 can be purchased at the door.
- Tickets (£10/£6) for the concert in the Church in aid of SAMH on Saturday 16th August, 2025 at 6.45pm with Euan Russell & Friends are now available in the Hall of Fellowship.
- GLASGOW CLOSE KNIT 850 invites you to an exhibition of the hundreds of knitted and crocheted blankets that have been carefully crafted by churches, community groups and individuals as an expression of care for the most vulnerable individuals across the city and beyond the city and beyond who live in need of security and warmth.
THE 1873 HALL; THE BRIGGAIT; G1 5HZ
MONDAY 11th - THURSDAY 14th AUGUST - 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 63 All people that on earth do dwell

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

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Prayer of Approach and Confession

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ST MATTHEW, Chapter 9, verses 35-38

The Harvest Is Great, the Labourers Few

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every

disease and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Hymn 564 Jesus loves me! this I know,

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes! Jesus loves me!
Yes! Jesus loves me!
Yes! Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! this I know
he loved children long ago;
he can always make me glad
even when I'm feeling sad.
Chorus

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
he will always be my friend,
and his love will never end.
Chorus

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1 Corinthians, Chapter 12, verses 4-13

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by

the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

One Body with Many Members

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Acts, Chapter 16, verses 11-34

The Conversion of Lydia

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district^[d] of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Paul and Silas in Prison

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you^[d] a

way of salvation.' ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹ The jailer^[e] called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹ They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³² They spoke the word of the Lord^[i] to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Hymn 533 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown,
in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Sermon - Mediterranean Cruise - Greece

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn 476 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord:
he is tramping out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning
of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.
Glory, glory Hallelujah!
Glory, glory Hallelujah!
Glory, glory Hallelujah!
his truth is marching on.

2 He has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never sound retreat;
he is sifting out all human hearts

before his judgement seat.

O, be swift my soul to answer him,

be jubilant my feet!

Our God is marching on.

Refrain

3 In the beauty of the lilies,
Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom
that transfigures you and me:
as he died to make us holy,
let us live to make all free,
while God is marching on.

Refrain

4 He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;
he is wisdom to the mighty;
he is succour to the brave;
so the world shall be his foot-stool,
and the soul of time his slave:
our God is marching on.

Refrain

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Benediction

Choral Amen