

**19<sup>th</sup> June 2022**



When you hear the following the service has begun.

### **Taize Bell ring**

The bells are ringing, a time to waken from our sleep...a time to worship God, a time to take ourselves from what was to what is, a time to give ourselves to our Lord . Here we are Lord, , we have come from our homes and what feels comfortable, from where we are at , to hear you....the bells ring out and we have taken up the call in adoration. Take who we are and what is upon our hearts and may your will be done. The bells are ringing and we have heard clearly the call to come to you, for all who are weary I can give you rest. Do not be afraid for I am with you....here we are Lord, it is I Lord.

### **Opening Call**

We stand before the Lord this day; Lord of the burning bush and the cloud upon the mountain. **To God be praise and**

**glory! This is the Lord of our lives.** We acknowledge the risen Christ— our Saviour and Redeemer—the Master recognized in the breaking of bread and amid the dust of the Emmaus Road. **To Christ be praise and glory! This is the Saviour who makes all things new.** We acknowledge the Holy Spirit who enables us...seen in the descending dove, heard in the rushing wind and tongues of fire. **To the Holy Spirit all praise and glory! This is the one who empowers us.** Even now in this time ...in this place, **We have seen signs of God's greatness.** Come, let us sing our praise and give God our love. **Amen**

Each one of us is meant to have a space inside where we can hear Gods voice, God is available to all of us. God says, Be still and know that I am God. When you are quiet enough to hear Gods voice?

When can you find the time to be still with God in your life, to be quiet, uncluttered and undistracted? Can you take even a few minutes each morning or at some point in your day. Well lets just do this now, where we are silent asking God to join us through our worship, lets be still and believe God is with us.....

**Meditation tune –Be still and know I am God.**

1 Be still and know that I am God.

2 I am the Lord who saves and heals.

3 In you, Lord God, I put my trust.

**Lighting the peace candle / A prayer for peace.**

Loving God as the peace candle is lit, we gather in your name, embarking on a time of worship, a time of being together, friends, new and old, family coming together. We gather praying for peace of heart mind and spirit, peace within and peace around the world. Bring peace we pray, peace to all people's, especially to the people of Ukraine and all whose lives is being turned into turmoil due to evil acts of war....bring peace to all, Jesus Christ Son and Word of God have mercy upon us.

**776 – “Kyrie eleison” x3 (Lord have mercy)**

The Grace of our, Lord Jesus Chris the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all **And also with you**

### **111 “Holy Holy holy”**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

### **Prayer / Lord's Prayer**

Holy, loving, caring almighty God all time and situations are in your hands, and today is your day, a time for religious observance and abstinence from work, a day for all Christians to worship you. We observe this day, the Sabbath as you have commanded the time which you call for your creation to take time out from our busy schedules to rest, to play and worship. At the beginning of time there was a period where after six days of working hard, as you were, making and molding your world as life began to be formed, you yourself spent the seventh day, stopping to survey your handy work, and by your example we can learn take time to rest ourselves. Our Lord Jesus also led the way in His ministry where after a busy day would stop what he was doing and go to the nearest temple to worship, or taking himself often away from people to pray where he relaxed talking to his heavenly father. As he taught his beloved, feeding, healing and giving nourishment in body mind and spirit to all who were in need, it can be tiring

and so in whatever we are doing in our lives, we have the added blessing of rest. Caring God, as we say the prayer Jesus spoke to you which comes firstly from you join with us as our voices become one in saying.

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, forever. **Amen**

To all who believe put your trust in me, and if you believe then get up from your matt and walk, open your eyes leave the blindness of sight and see, have faith, and the demons that are eating you up, shall leave you...have faith, worship the Lord your God and share in his glory.

The glory of love that is for all people, is with us through the Spirit of God and we give thanks for this, yet there are times when we wonder what is it we believe, why does such badness happen within the world, why are there people living in poverty when so many are rich, why is it some people are born with medical ailments when there are those who are healthy and never experience pain or suffering.

We have so many questions don't we and as we look for answers we turn to God for help. May he help us to see more clearly, and be able to understand what we have not managed to do in the past.

May he lead us forward where the darkness of our thoughts and enquiring minds brings light and hope.

In Jesus, Son and Word of God have mercy upon us all, and bless our lives as we rest and pray, as we share his love and experience our Lord and Saviour within our lives.

Life comes with a mixed bag of emotions, and how wonderful it is when we receive the glory of God from the unexpected.

Psalm 19 our reading today – The heavens the word and the glory of God .

The title tells us both the author and the audience of the psalm: To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. Some believe that the Chief Musician is the Lord God Himself, and others suppose him to be a leader of choirs or musicians in David’s time, such as Heman the singer or *Asaph*

*In 1 Chronicles 25:6*

All these were under the direction of their father for the music in [the house of the Lord, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the authority of the king.

“This Psalm reflects, more than any other, the beauty and splendour of the Hebrew poetry found in the Psalter.

C.S. Lewis wrote, ‘I take this to be the greatest poem in the Psalter and one of the greatest lyrics in the world.’”



**Reading: Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. <sup>2</sup>Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. <sup>3</sup>They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. <sup>4</sup>Yet their voice<sup>[b]</sup> goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.<sup>5</sup> It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.<sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. <sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.<sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.<sup>11</sup> By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.<sup>12</sup> But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. <sup>13</sup>Keep your servant also from willful sins; may

they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup>May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

### **Reflection (music)**

The glory of God is a very wide and deep topic. The glory of God isn't just one thing but several things that point to, reflect and manifest the beauty, power, presence and majesty of God. For example, Hebrews 1:3 tells us that the Son is the radiance of God's glory.

Jesus Christ perfectly mirrors, expresses and reveals the glory of God. Jesus is the glory of God. In Exodus 40:34-35, we are told of how the glory of God filled the whole tabernacle and Moses could not enter the temple to minister because the glory of God that came down that day was so mighty.

The glory of God in this instance was a mighty manifestation of the presence of God. The presence of God is the glory of God.

Psalm 19:1 shows us another dimension of the glory of God. This passage tells us of how the heaven declares the glory of God, the skies proclaim the works of His hands. The beauty of heaven is an expression of the glory of God.

God's work of creation like the sky, the moon, the stars, the depths of the earth, the mountain peaks, the vast and spacious sea, butterflies and other large and small animals, various plants with their bright, wonderful colours and designs all show forth the glory of God (Psalm 95:3-5, Psalm 104:24-25, Psalm 8:1, 3-4).

The glory of God is seen all around us through nature and the beautiful things God has created. God's creativity is the glory of God.

I think when life is not going our way, when we are feeling the pains that come with living our lives, the heartaches, the times when we are feeling as some put it, black dog...God can be found in the most unexpected times and places.

On Friday night i was invited out to friends where I met and made some new friends. They're on holiday in Scotland for three days.

Here to meet with a new friend they came into contact with through a family member. This family are no different to you and me.

They love food and enjoy nothing more than having friends around their table laughing and smiling sharing in life stories as the wine , food, cake , coffee flows.

They laugh out aloud and at times will cry, they will talk about what has taken place in their lives, with such bewilderment and wondering why, yet there does not seem to be anger or hatred.

They are ever so thankful for each blessings they receive and living in freedom. They laughed about the Queen and Paddington bear and marmalade sandwiches,

They speak more than three languages and now they have learnt another, one I was teaching them,

och aye, you know what I mean that wonderful and total language many a Scot will say without any other words, aye, och aye, mmm aye , och aye...even throwing in the odd och aye the new.

A family who love to travel to share in their experiences, talking about horse riding, national festivals, cooking wonderful foods, their home and work their garden...happiness flowed as they talked, yet behind their smiles sadness our old life as gone, they said.

As tears flow, och aye I said but you have new friends now who love you , we are here and stand with you...as Julia said och aye. Smiling saying thank you.

One morning the family woke at 5am...not with the birds singing a joyful song, as Julia said here the birds make such beautiful noise but so early...

Her childhood was happy, favourite horse, toys and friends but that morning was unfair... The morning of the 24th of February. Under the sounds of worrying sirens, she was put in the basement, Her mom told her with assurance: "This is just a training signal" And by the evening that day, the luggage was packed: " A swimming suit, a t-shirt ... are we going to the beach?" No, warm clothing, food supplies, tired by the trip, surrounded by road block posts, "mom, where are we going?" "It's just a trip" - she smiled, hiding her tears, the parents have forgot that the daughter has grown up, trying to

shelter her from the terrible events, In her blue eyes, one reads as in a in a book: “listen, father, I know it all” The family leaves the country for a reason, everyone leaves a part of them behind: Work, career, school and dreams! They are not going for a holiday, but to the unknown, may God give us strength to start all again: Work, career, school and dreams...

A poem which was written by a sister about her young sibling.

On 24 February 2022, the Russian Federation launched a comprehensive invasion of Ukraine, the only words I can describe this to be evil, utterly inhuman, evil is seen.

The family I met and shared four hours of chatting, laughing, crying and eating have come from Ukraine. They live in Bath now, because of the generosity and love of a family who could not bear not to open their home to help a family in need...

The people I call my new friends their names are Julia, Gennadii, Krystyna and Marussia. People like you and me, who are able to smile and laugh while then with a sudden realization cry and say why .

The Glory of God can be found in so many unexpected places, on Friday night I felt his glory...even though I may have been the only one who did. How can you explain it, only by saying that God is felt by how your heart jumps with a feeling of reassurance and love.

The glory of God can be seen in sadness and turmoil yet we may not feel it while others look on from outside possibly can. As I listen to music, I often feel Gods presence, which I am sure you do also...as one organist said of Bach God comes alive and his glory shines, God is creating and speaking.

I am going to play a piece of music which lifts me to a height that i can only call the Glory of God is felt.

We are all different and you will have other pieces which touch you...as we listen may God speak with us, may we pray asking God to stop this evil act from the Russian federation...may God send them home where the people of Ukraine, people like you and me can live their lives without fear...yet how can this ever happen now.

Music. Fingals Cave Staffa. A tune I remember hearing for the first time as a child and touched my heart .

Lord God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for the families who are still in Ukraine and are surrounded by the sights and noise of war. We pray for the lives taken, for a nation that grieve and feel the raw pain of loss and wondering why. We pray for peace where the people of Ukraine will be able to return home to rebuild their lives in their home land. We pray for the refugees who are settling in our homes, in our country and around the world. We pray for peace upon their hearts, we pray that you will surround all who need comfort and love, and a friend. We pray Lord to you Amen.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen.

One of the things that makes Christmas such a memorable time of year is the music. The same songs, year after year, get stuck in our heads and we can often recite the words without even thinking about it. As we belted out the nostalgic tunes, do we ever read the words we are singing does the message of the song resonate to your soul. Many of the carols we sing have a rich theological tradition, and “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!” is no exception. It was written by Charles Wesley. His goal in writing hymns was to teach the poor and illiterate sound doctrine. His brother, John Wesley, a famous



theologian and founder of Methodism, said that Charles' hymnal was the best theological book in existence. Some have noted that Methodism was born in song and Charles was the chief songwriter. Wesley, inspired by the sounds of London church bells while walking to church on Christmas Day, wrote the "Hark" poem about a year after his conversion to be read on Christmas Day. The poem first appeared in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* in 1739 with the opening line of "Hark, how the welkin (heaven) rings." In 1753, George Whitefield, a student and eventual colleague of Wesley's, adapted the poem into the song we now know today. It was Whitefield who penned the phrase "newborn King." God has sent the One who will reconcile the sinner back to Himself.

For well over two hundred years, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" has been a Gospel-saturated anthem pointing people to the Saviour.

1 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting  
Lord,

late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.

[Refrain]

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of  
Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

[Refrain]

When you don't know what to say about a pressing situation, just give thanks to the Lord. If you can thank the Lord for it, you can go and sleep because the Lord will do incredible things for you concerning it.

Surely a matter cannot be so big that it'll be beyond divine care. If you trust the Lord and believe in His name, your endpoint shall be what the Lord can do about the matter.

## **Prayer**

God you love to answer our prayers showing us your glory. When our soul hungers, when our tank feels empty, when we're running on fumes, when we open our Bible in the morning and ask for God's help, a great go-to request is this simple, honest, humble plea: "Father, show me your glory." God made the world to show and share his glory. Loving God as we worship you we pray for those who are in need..for the one who grieves and whose memories keep their loved ones near them as they have left and been called home . We pray for people who are tired and are in need of rest, for those who are too busy and cannot afford to stop working, for those are being released from their troubles, for those who are finding life difficult and wondering how they will be able to pay their bills. We pray for people who need to fill their vehicles with fuel yet cannot pay for the rising cost. Lord, we pray for those who worry as they forget and are do not understand why they are becoming angry, and anxious, and fearful...we pray for

people who are living at home and finding it difficult to manage with their daily chores.... To those who are preparing to leave their homes to live where there is 24 hour care is on hand. We pray, we pray, we pray for the needs of the world, for peace, for love and harmony between families, neighbours, countries and the stranger who wishes to do harm. We pray for ourselves and all that is concerning us...in silence hear our prayers...Lord Jesus, Son and Word of God have mercy upon your world, and our lives. As we pray, may we see your glory, through music and art, through your creation and the love of others, even a bear who likes marmalade sandwiches. may we feel your presence and trust that we are not alone. Whether we believe or not, whatever stage we are at in our faith, we come to you with our doubts, and questions asking why, how can this be allowed to happen...we pray for your world and all who live within it In Jesus name Amen.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus ye soldiers of the cross;  
lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead  
till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
 forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day.  
 Ye that are men now serve him against unnumbered foes;  
 let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;  
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
 Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;  
 where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;  
 this day the noise of battle, the next, the victor's song.  
 To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be;  
 he with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

### **Benediction**

Count your blessings, name them one by one and see what  
 God has done, Count your blessings, name them one by one  
 and it will surprise you what the Lord has done...in the name  
 of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen.

### **786-“May the God of peace”**

May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;  
 may the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.

