

Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs
Pentecost 3 13th June 2021

We welcome Rev. Martin Sofield who will lead us in worship today

Hymns *

276 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

669 I heard the voice of Jesus say

499 Lord, you give the great commission

Collect

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

22 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

23 On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

24 All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.

26 Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,

27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

30 Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable

will we use for it?

31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;

32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;

34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciple

Prayer after Communion

Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

* Unfortunately we are not allowed to sing until our area moves down to Level 1 of the Covid restrictions so for the moment we have to sing in our heads only.

Volunteers for church grounds work. Saturday 19th June. All tools will be supplied, and this will only involve your time and patience:) Mark Yeomans is coordinating this work and he will also attend at times which are suitable to volunteers, Monday through Friday.

Anyone who is available for a few hours "fresh air and keep fit", please contact Mark on: 07533 182150 by phone or text alternatively, email myeomans@skelmorlie.net

The vestry are going to advertise for a new Rector in the Church Times and other places within the week. Our Congregational Profile, Rectors Profile and film on the church grounds and PowerPoint which gives a flavour of Largs, is now available on our church website. <https://largs-church.co.uk/our-vacancy/>

June magazine This is now available [online](#) or at the back of the church.

The deadline for the July issue of the magazine is Sunday 20th June. Please forward any material to Gib.

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