

Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today.
The Service is led by the Rev'd Mark Goodman,
Rector of St. Columba's.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost 19th June 2022

Hymns

667 I danced in the morning

805 There is a redeemer

669 I heard the voice of Jesus say

598 Before the throne of God I stand

During Communion Choir: 274 Father we adore you

Mass setting St. Anne (Macmillan) CCL:173163

Collect

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 65: 1-9

65 "I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.'² All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations—³a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick; ⁴who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil; who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of impure meat;
⁵who say, 'Keep away; don't come near me, for I am too sacred for you!' Such people are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day.⁶ "See, it stands written before me: I will not keep silent but will pay back in full; I will pay it back into their laps—⁷both your sins and the sins of your ancestors," says the LORD. "Because they burned sacrifices on the mountains and defied me on the hills, I will measure into their laps the full payment for their former deeds."⁸ This is what the LORD says: "As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes and people say, 'Don't destroy it, there is still a blessing in it,' so will I do in behalf of my

servants; I will not destroy them all.⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah those who will possess my mountains; my chosen people will inherit them, and there will my servants live.

A reading from Romans 5: 1-5

Children of God

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. ²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [8: 26-39] *(Sung response)*

Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

From the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Bishop Kevin Pearson

The Diocesan Property Committee
St Aidan's, Clarkston
St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands

Notices

Weekly Services

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 8.00am Eucharist; 11.00am Eucharist; Sunday@5 5.00pm Praise

Gordon Fyfe's 25th Ordination Anniversary Service
Wednesday 29th June 7.00pm, St. Margaret's, Newlands

Holiday Club Jungle Adventure 4th – 8th July 10.00am – 12.30pm

We are back on the road with the holiday club. Help for all or some of the week would be greatly appreciated.

Largs Churches Holiday Club

There is a preparatory meeting for anyone who is interested in volunteering,
Largs Churches Holiday Club on Monday 20th June 202 in Clark Memorial Chapel at 7.30pm.

Flower Rota

If there is anyone who would like to help with the flowers in church and be on the flower rota, please speak to Joan Hutton.

Building Works

There are a number of building issues that need attending to at St. Columba's. One of these is the wiring. This means that the heating system will need to be turned off until the wiring is replaced. Please be assured that the Vestry is acting swiftly to remedy the situation.

Please take a copy of the letter from the back of the Church.

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