

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.

6th Sunday after Pentecost 17th July 2022

Hymns

422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
766 Praise my soul the King of heaven
826 Ye holy angels bright
827 Ye servants of God
Communion Hymn: 144 How deep the Father's love
Mass setting Dom Gregory Murray. **CCL:173163**

Collect

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A reading from Genesis 18: 1-10a

The Three Visitors

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. 2 Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

3 He said, "If I have found favour in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. 4 Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. 5 Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

7 Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. 8 He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. 9 "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. 10 Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.

A reading from Colossians 1: 15-28

The Supremacy of the Son of God

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all

things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

24 Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. 25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— 26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

[10: 38-42] (*Sung response*)

At the Home of Martha and Mary

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Post Communion Prayer

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

From the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Bishop Kevin Pearson

The Diocese of Edinburgh

The Diocesan Architect and Diocesan Surveyor

All Saints, Bearsden

St Michael & All Angels, Helensburgh

Notices

Weekly Services

Sunday 8.00am Eucharist

11.00am Eucharist

Sunday@5 Praise Service 5.00pm

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Return of the Peace.

The Vestry has discussed the return to the sharing the Peace, as we used to do. It was felt that we could return to 'normal' practice on Sunday 24th. However, if there are folk who would rather retain 'the wave', please do so.

St. Columba's Funday Raising Quiz Night

On the evening of 6.30pm Friday 29th July

Car Boot Sale 23rd July 9.00am-1.00pm

We are collecting for a Tombola and quality items for the church stall. The Jewellery stall, in particular, is needing donations.

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 Update

At the time of writing, three applications have been made to the Diocesan Property Committee relating to heating and roofing so that we can proceed. We await responses.

Please take a copy of the letter regard this issue from the back of the Church.

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