



**TRINITY**  
**CHURCH**  
*A B E R D E E N*

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**11.00 AM**

*The Lord's Day*

23rd September 2018

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# WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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Welcome to our morning worship. We're glad you're with us today. Please speak to someone wearing a Welcome Team name badge if you require assistance in any way.

## **AS WE BEGIN...**

We use the few minutes at the start of the service to reflect quietly as our musicians play, and to prepare individually to join in worship. This booklet contains the words we will say and sing and pray together.

## **BIBLES**

These are provided on each seat. Please fill in the *Connect* card inside if you would like more information about Trinity. Large print Bibles are available from the entrance table.

## **CRÈCHE**

A supervised crèche is provided for under 3s in the Board Room (first floor foyer). We ask one parent or carer to provide a mobile number, and we ask you to keep it on silent throughout the service in case you are needed.

## **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

Sunday School is provided for age 3 upwards and all primary school age children. It begins each week at 10.45am. The children then join us for the first part of the service and leave for age appropriate classes early in the service. Secondary school age children remain with us throughout. There is space for sermon notes inside this booklet, and 'Sermon Notes for Kids' are also available from the back table.

## **OFFERING**

This is collected during our service for the work of the church. We give to The Cruden Trust, a registered Scottish Charity which administers the church's finances. Information for tax efficient and regular giving is available from the table.

## **TEA & COFFEE**

This is served immediately after the service at the back of the Ballroom. If you are new we would love to meet you. Please join us if you can.

## **EVENING WORSHIP**

We meet for evening worship at 5.00pm (details are at the back).

*Contact details for the church leadership and staff team are on the reverse.  
We would be delighted to hear from you.*

*To all who are weary and need rest;  
To all who mourn and long for comfort;  
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God even cares;  
To all who are weak and fail and desire strength;  
To all who sin and need a Saviour —  
This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus,  
the mighty friend of sinners,  
the ally of his enemies,  
the defender of the indefensible,  
and the justifier of those who have no excuses left.*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
All you peoples, praise proclaim;  
for God's grace and loving-kindness  
O sing praises to his name;  
for the greatness of his mercy  
constant praise to him accord;  
for his faithfulness eternal,  
hallelujah, praise the Lord!:

*Psalm 117*

*Tune: Austria*

### **LEAD:**

“I love the LORD  
because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because he has inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.”

*Psalm 116:1-2*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

O my soul, praise him,  
for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear;  
brothers and sisters, draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,  
above all things so mightily reigning;  
keeping us safe at his side,  
and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
all you have needed has been  
met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord,  
who shall prosper our work and defend us;  
surely his goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend us.  
Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord,  
who, when darkness and sin  
are abounding,  
who, when the godless are rampant,  
all goodness confounding,  
breaks forth as light,  
scatters the terrors of night,  
saints with his mercy surrounding!

Praise to the Lord—  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the 'Amen'  
sound from his people again —  
gladly we praise and adore him!

*Joachim Neunter  
& Catherine Winkworth  
Tune: Lobe den Herren*

**PRAYER**

*with confession of sin (said together):*

Lord Jesus Christ, knowing your Father's will,  
you came into the world to save us.  
You are the One who rescues.  
You, our Redeemer, died in our place.  
Heavenly Father, forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son.  
Let your Spirit watch over us, and let your love rule in our hearts.  
We ask this through Jesus, your Son,  
in whom you are always well pleased.

AMEN.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDONING GRACE

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

*(Isaiah 1:18)*

## CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

## NOTICES

### **I will offer up my life**

In spirit and truth,  
Pouring out the oil of love  
As my worship to you.  
In surrender I must give  
My every part;  
Lord receive the sacrifice  
Of a broken heart.

You deserve my every breath  
For you paid the great cost  
Giving up your life to death,  
Even death on a cross.  
You took all my shame away,  
There defeated my sin,  
Opened up the gates of heaven  
And have beckoned me in.

*Matt Redman*

*Jesus what can I give,  
What can I bring,  
To so faithful a friend,  
To so loving a king?  
Saviour what can be said,  
What can be sung,  
As a praise of your name,  
For the things you have done.  
Oh my words could not tell,  
Not even in part  
Of the debt of love that is owed  
By this thankful heart.*

## BIBLE READING

Jonah 4

*(Page 775; Large print 921)*

# SERMON NOTES

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THE PHARISEE PROPHET

*Jonah 4*

**I asked the Lord that I might grow**  
In faith, and love, and every grace;  
Might more of his salvation know,  
And seek, more earnestly, his face.  
'Twas he who taught me thus to pray,  
And he, I trust, has answered prayer!  
But it has been in such a way,  
As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favoured hour,  
At once he'd answer my request;  
And by his love's constraining pow'r,  
Subdue my sins, and give me rest.  
Instead of this, he made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart;  
And let the angry pow'rs of hell  
Assault my soul in every part.

Yet more, with his own hand he seemed  
Intent to aggravate my woe;  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
Blasted my gourds and laid me low.  
"Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried,  
"Will you pursue your worm to death?"  
'Tis in this way", the Lord replied,  
"I answer prayer for grace and faith.

These inward trials I employ,  
From self, and pride, to set you  
free;  
And break your schemes of earthly joy,  
That you may find your all in me.  
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*John Newton*  
*Tune: Before the throne of God above*  
*(Based on Jonah 4)*

## **OFFERING**

'Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD.'

*(1 Chronicles 29:9)*

*As a church family we give thoughtfully and generously in response to God's lavish love for us. Many give electronically and so will simply pass the bag along the row. Details of how to give regularly and tax-efficiently can be found on the table at the back.*

*If you are visiting us today, please do not feel under any obligation to contribute.*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Such love, pure as the whitest snow;  
such love weeps for the shame I know;  
such love, paying the debt I owe;  
O Jesus, such love.*

*Such love, stilling my restlessness;  
such love, filling my emptiness;  
such love, showing me holiness;  
O Jesus, such love.*

*Such love, springs from eternity;  
such love streaming through history;  
such love, fountain of life to me;  
O Jesus, such love.*

## PRAYER

*with the Lord's Prayer (said together):*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.

AMEN.



**Great God of wonders, all your ways**

are matchless, godlike and divine;  
and the fair glories of your grace  
among your other wonders shine.

*Who is a pardoning God like you,  
with grace so free, so rich, so true?*

Such vile offences to forgive,  
such guilty, reckless souls to spare:  
this is your grand prerogative,  
and in the honour none shall share.

Angels and mortals, yield your claim  
to pity, mercy, love and grace:  
these glories crown our Saviour's name  
with an incomparable blaze.

In wonder lost, with trembling joy,  
we take the pardon of our God:  
a pardon granted from on high,  
a pardon sealed with Jesus' blood.

O may this strange, this matchless grace,  
this godlike miracle of love,  
fill all the earth with grateful praise,  
as now it fills the skies above.

*Samuel Davies*

*Tune: Sagina*

**BENEDICTION**

*"Our God, our help in ages past"—Isaac Watts*

May the Lord our God, our help in ages past,  
and our hope for years to come,  
be your guard while troubles last  
and lead you to his eternal throne.

AMEN.

# PLEASE TAKE AWAY

**Students**—help yourself to a Student Pack from the side table.

**Newcomers & Visitors**—please collect a *Welcome to Trinity* brochure from the back.

**Connect Cards**—available inside the Bible on your seat

Complete a card if you would like more information about Trinity.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### TODAY

**Evening worship, 5.00pm, Hotel Ballroom**

*1 Samuel 22*

**Tr:uth Group, 6.30-8.00pm, MacKenzie Room**

*Social - Challenge Night.*

**Student Suppers, 6.30pm, Hotel Ballroom**

### TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 25TH-27TH

Housegroups meeting in various locations across the city.

### THURSDAY 27TH

**Ladies' Bible Study Group, 9.30-11.00am in Hilton Community Centre**

This week meeting to study Jonah

### SUNDAY 30TH

**Morning worship, with Sunday School, 11.00am, Hotel Ballroom**

*Matthew 12 - Jesus and Jonah*

**Evening worship, 5.00pm, Hotel Ballroom**

*1 Samuel 23*

**Tr:uth Group, 6.30-8pm, MacKenzie Room**

**Student Suppers, 6.30pm, Hotel Ballroom**

# INFORMATION & DIARY DATES

## WEEKEND AWAY

Please take away the booking forms available today for the church family weekend away, 16-18 November 2018. Please book as soon as possible, and by Sunday 14th October at the latest.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL START TIME

Thank you to all Sunday School parents for your help with Safeguarding and Sunday School registration. The weekly start time of 10.45am is an important part of this and your co-operation is hugely appreciated.

## CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER GATHERING

Our next church family prayer meeting is Thursday 4th October, 7.30pm, our first one in our new premises on Queen Street - please come and pray together.

## SAFEGUARDING

According to our new guidelines, all those helping on the Welcome Team should fill in a PVG form for Trinity Church. Please ask Nicola Fitch for a form. Anyone who didn't attend the Safeguarding Training morning back in March, should have received an email link to do the online training. You may find it helpful to meet together with one or two others. Please do try to do the training as soon as possible. If you didn't receive an email and haven't been trained, please speak to Nicola.

## PRAYER LETTERS

News from Adam and Genevieve Wilson, Trinity Church York, Andy Holt and Struan Yarney, UCCF, are available to take away.

## MEN'S CURRY NIGHT

On Friday the 12th of October at the Lahore Karahi restaurant on King Street at 7pm. All men are welcome, this will be a relaxed evening with good food. Please contact David Ellis soon so that he can confirm numbers at the restaurant. You can confirm your availability in person or by emailing him at davidjellis94@gmail.com

## SHOEBOXES NEEDED

Please save your shoeboxes for our Packing Event on Saturday 3rd November.

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