

# MORNING WORSHIP

11.00 AM

The Lord's Day

1st September 2019

# WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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 also available.

## 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. Please sign children in/out.

## 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. Children need to be signed in and out of Sunday School. 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 on Page 10).

Contact details for the church leadership and staff team are on the reverse.

We would be delighted to hear from you.

# CALL TO WORSHIP

#### LEAD:

"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving ... You who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise his own people ...

#### ALL:

"Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them. For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it."

(from Psalm 69)

# Come, people of the risen king,

Who delight to bring Him praise.

Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice! Come, those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night. Come, those who tell of battles won, And those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change, And His mercies never cease, But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land, Men and women of the faith. Come, those with full or empty hands, Find the riches of His grace. Over all the world, His people sing, Shore to shore we hear them call The Truth that cries through every age; 'Our God is all in all'.

Keith & Kristyn Getty

#### PRAYER

with confession of sin (said together):

Loving Father,

you are the high King in heaven above.

Our thoughts and motives, our words and actions.

cannot be hidden from your sight.

Our pride and self-pity, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and envy,

all of these are laid bare before your eyes.

We open ourselves to you and humbly ask for your forgiveness.

Do not look upon our wrongdoing,

but cover us in the sinlessness of Christ.

Reassure us that

his blood is our peace,

his death is our life,

his resurrection is your promise of the world to come,

and let our hearts know that your service is perfect freedom.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

AMEN.

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDONING GRACE

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children,

so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

(Psalm 103:11-13)

#### CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who, with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and glorified, and who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

AMEN.

The Nicene Creed originated in 325AD at the Council of Nicaea. It was written to answer heresies which denied the Trinity and which denied that Jesus was both God and Man.

#### ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

William, Mary, Joel, Simeon, Beth Allan; and Struan Yarney

#### NOTICES

# Spirit of God, our hearts inspire,

let us your influence prove, source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of light and love.

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord, by whom the prophets wrote and spoke: the key to all God's truth, now come, unseal the sacred book.

O spread your wings, celestial dove, above our nature's night, on our disordered spirits move, and let there now be light.

God, through himself, we then shall know, if you within us shine, and sound, with all your saints below, the depths of love divine.

Charles Wesley
Tune: St Columba

# THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (LORD'S DAY 10)

# Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

**A.** Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

# Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**A.** We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will then can neither move nor be moved.

# **SERMON NOTES**

# MISSION INDESTRUCTIBLE

Acts 1:12-26

(Page 909; Large print 1080)

# The Lord unto his Christ has said, "Sit here at my right hand

Until I make your enemies submit to your command."

A scepter prospered by the Lord your mighty hand shall wield;

From Zion you shall rule the world, and all your foes shall yield.

"Your people will be gladly yours when you arise in might,
Like dawning day, like hopeful youth,
with holy beauty bright".
The priesthood of Melchizedek the Lord
has given you;
It shall remain forevermore; God's word

"You shall subdue the kings of earth, with God at your right hand;
The nations you shall rule in might and judge in every land."
The Christ, refreshed by living streams, shall neither faint nor fall,
And he shall be the glorious head, exalted over all.

Psalm 110
Tune: O what a mystery I see

#### OFFERING

is always true.

'Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.'

(Jonah 1:16)

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.

#### 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 is the darkness that covers the earth,

Oppression, injustice and pain.

Nations are slipping in hopeless despair,
Though many have come in your name.

Watching while sanity dies,
Touched by the madness and lies.

Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus Pour out your Spirit we pray Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, Pour out your Spirit on us today. May now your church rise with power and love,

This glorious gospel proclaim. In every nation salvation will come, To those who believe in your name. Help us bring light to this world, That we might speed your return.

Great celebrations on that final day, When out of the heavens you come. Darkness will vanish, all sorrow will end,

And rulers will bow at your throne, Our great commission complete, Then face to face we shall meet!

Noel Richards & Gerald Coates

#### BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The LORD turn his face towards you and give you peace.

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.

\*\*Trinity Housegroups Flyer\*\*—consider joining one of our new groups starting this term.

# THE WEEK AHEAD

#### TODAY

**Evening worship, with the Lord's Supper, 5.00pm, Hotel Ballroom** *God most holy* 

Truth resumes again next Sunday 8th September

## **MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER**

**Session, Queen Street premises, 7.30pm**Our elders meet to plan and pray for the church family

#### THURSDAY 5TH

Thursday group meets in the Hilton Community Centre, 9.30-11.00am This week meeting for coffee together.

Church family prayer gathering, 7.30-8.30pm in Queen Street premises

#### SUNDAY 8TH

Morning worship, 11.00am, with creche and Sunday School, Hotel Ballroom  $\mathit{Acts}\ 2$ 

**Evening worship, 5.00pm, Hotel Ballroom** *God most loving* 

Tr:uth Group meets at 6.30pm, MacKenzie Room Listen Up: Study 1

# INFORMATION & DIARY DATES



## TRINITY HOUSEGROUPS

New Housegroups have been formed, meeting in five different locations. The groups will study Jen Wilkin's excellent new book, *In His Image.* Do consider joining a group as a way of getting to know others. Sign up is now online. Copies of the book are at the back for £5 and a Study Guide is available too.

## **HELP REQUIRED**

From Friday 13th - Saturday 14th September, our Presbytery is visiting Aberdeen. The meetings are public and visitors are welcome. On Saturday morning Sinclair Ferguson is giving two talks on baptism, and will be preaching for us morning and evening on Sunday 15th. If you are able to offer any help with



accommodation, please contact Nicola Fitch. A few helpers are also required for the catering for the weekend (setting up and serving), and you can sign up online for this: www.trinityaberdeen.org.uk/events

#### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

A group for anyone who is retired is starting on 18th September, from 10.30-12pm. This will meet at 11 Pinewood Walk, AB15 8AZ (home of Wes and Lyn Gibson) and subsequently the second Wednesday of each month (excluding school holidays). If anyone would like a lift, please contact Lyn or Frances.

## **WELCOME TEAM**

It would be very helpful to the Welcome team, if folk could put Bibles and any unused pieces of paper on their seats following the service, to help with those clearing up. Thank you.

#### TRINITY SAFEGUARDING

As part of our Safeguarding Policy we require all children to be signed in and out of both creche and Sunday School. Parents are asked to help the Teachers in this by noting the Sunday School start time of 10.45am. Arriving at this time each week is a significant help to the Teachers in all that they do week by week.

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