



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Lent 3
4 March 2018
11 a.m.



You are very welcome to Ferryhill Parish Church. Please sit wherever you like. If you are visiting then please sign the visitors' book in the foyer. Children are always welcome and the foyer is available during the service should you wish to use it.

Please note that we are experimenting with live streaming of worship. If you do not wish to be seen on the broadcast stream, the seating below the gallery and in the gallery is beyond the view of the cameras.

Today's worship is led by:

Peter Johnston (Minister)
Edna Sainsbury (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Alastair King (Beadle)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated this week by Effie Dawson.



Children are invited to the Sunday Club

Gathering Song Oh, for a closer walk with God CH 552
(verses 1 and 6)

Call to Worship

Leader: The psalmist writes:
 “I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
 incline your ear to me,
 hear my words.”

All: **Hear us, Lord, as we gather this day
 recognising our desire to serve
 and our success in serving
 sometimes lie far apart.**

Leader: “Wondrously show your steadfast love
 O Saviour of those who seek refuge...”

All: **We seek in your house of prayer
 to come closer to you,
 in humility and frailty,
 that you might gird us
 with strength and compassion.**

Praise Great God, your love has called us here CH 484

Welcome and Church Notices

Opening Prayer

Readings John 18: 12-27

In The Courtyard

Offering Praise As Jesus faced the Council
Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, tune: Thornbury (CH 644i)

1. As Jesus faced the council, the accusations flew, till someone turned and asked him, “Now tell us, who are you? Are you the Christ, God’s chosen one?” He answered them: “I am—and soon the Son of Man will reign in power, at God’s right hand.”
2. Nearby, out in the courtyard, next to the fire’s warm glow, the Rock named Peter sat, afraid, not sure where he should go. He longed for news about the Lord, and so he stayed close by, but when they asked him who he was, he chose to tell a lie.
3. A servant said, “You’re with him! I saw you two before.” Yet once and twice and still again, the Rock denied his Lord. He said, “I do not understand!” He firmly answered, “No!” He claimed, “I do not know that man,” and then the rooster crowed.
4. O Christ, we are like Peter, for we deny you, too. Concerned for what the world might say, we do not live for you. May we, like Peter later on, have courage to proclaim: “We’re bound to Christ. He is our Lord! We’ll follow in his name!”

Act of Dedication

Please remain standing

Living God, we come out of the shadows to offer you our gifts,
asking for the courage that we will need
to make good on our promises.

We promise to stick with you,
wherever that journey may lead us,
and we ask for courage to keep going to the end.

We promise to be authentic
when we speak about you,
and ask for courage not to hide
either our convictions or our uncertainties.

We ask for courage to admit to our failings,
and humility to rely on you
to help us not to make the same mistakes again. Amen.

Message

Confessions and Convictions

Statement of Faith

Please stand if you are able

We believe in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is love.

We praise God the Father:

who created the universe and keeps it in being.

He who made us his sons and daughters to share his joy,
living together in justice and peace,
caring for his world and for each other.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son:

born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

he became one of us, sharing our life and our death.

He made known God's compassion and mercy,
giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin,
offering healing and wholeness to all.

By his death on the cross and by his resurrection,
he has triumphed over evil.

Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.

We trust God the Holy Spirit:

who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church;

who brings us to repentance

and assures us of forgiveness.

The Spirit guides us

in our understanding of the bible,

renews us in the sacraments,

and calls us to serve God in the world.

We rejoice in the gift of eternal life:

we have sure and certain hope

of resurrection through Christ,

and we look for his coming again to judge the world.

Then all things will be made new;

and creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father,
 through the Son,
 in the power of the Spirit,
 one God, blessed for ever. Amen.

The Invitation

Praise Ye gates, lift up your heads CH 19

Preparation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus and Benedictus

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Ascription of Glory

**All: Through him, with him, in him,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory are yours,
 almighty Father, now and forever.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us the wrong we have done,
as we forgive those who have wronged us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Sharing the Elements

Praise One bread, one body CH 665

Sharing the Peace

Prayer

Praise Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult CH 509

Sending Response

Leader: Affirmed as your disciples,
 Lord Jesus,

**All: may we go in grace and love,
 confident to proclaim
 that we are your friends,
 ready to serve your kingdom
 in all we do and say.**

Sung Amen

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.
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1. **Traidcraft Stall:** It's Fairtrade Fortnight (26 February - 11 March) and this year's theme is " Fairtrade opens doors, so come on in." Come to the stall on either of the two Sundays in Fairtrade Fortnight and get 10% off all purchases and taste Traidcraft's delicious new chocolate.
2. **Cowdray Club:** There will be a service at the Cowdray Club at **11 a.m.** on **Wednesday 7 March.** This service will be led by Yvonne Haig. Please join us.
3. **The Guild:** Join us for a movie night on **Wednesday 7 March** at **7.30 p.m.** in the foyer.
4. The **Living Well Cafe** is for people with a diagnosis of dementia or memory problems and their carers and is open here on **Thursday 8 March** from **1 - 3 p.m.** It offers a safe, friendly, relaxed and welcoming space with a variety of optional activities, crafts, singing and light exercise. For further information please contact Rita King on 01224 572391.
5. **Lent Bible Study:** We continue our evening Bible studies on **Thursday 8 March**, at which we will look at some of the Passion story telling of Jesus' last days, and talk about what this still has to say to us today. This is open to everyone and you are welcome to come to all, or dip in as you can. We will meet in the foyer at **7 p.m.**
6. The **World Day of Prayer Service** has been postponed due to the poor weather until **Friday 9 March, 7 p.m.** in Ferryhill Parish Church.
7. **Monday Fellowship:** Come along and join us for games in the foyer on **Monday 12 March** at **2.15 p.m.** All welcome.
8. **Kirk Session:** We will meet on **Thursday 15 March** at **7.15 p.m.** in the foyer. Reports for submission to Kirk Session should be handed to Lorna Glen, Session Clerk, by **Sunday 11 March.**
9. **Quiz Night:** for Katherine Johnston's trip to build school classrooms in Nicaragua will be held on **Friday 16 March** at **7 p.m.** in the Church Hall. £5 per person, tickets are available on Sundays from Katherine and in the coffee shop.
10. **Table Sale:** Due to the adverse weather conditions, the Table Sale has been moved to **Saturday 24 March, 10 a.m. - 12p.m.** Donations of home bakes, books, bric a brac and raffle prizes would be very welcome for the church stalls.

Useful Information



Eco-Tip

Bring your own cup

The UK throws away around 2.5 billion disposable coffee cups every year but takeaway cups aren't recyclable due to their plastic lining. Next time you want to grab a coffee on the go, take a reusable cup - many coffee shops have started offering customers a discount to encourage them to bring their own.



Contacts

Please contact the Minister, Rev Peter Johnston, for information about Church Membership, Baptism, or being married in Church, or complete one of the cards available in the Hymn Book and hand it in as you leave.

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