

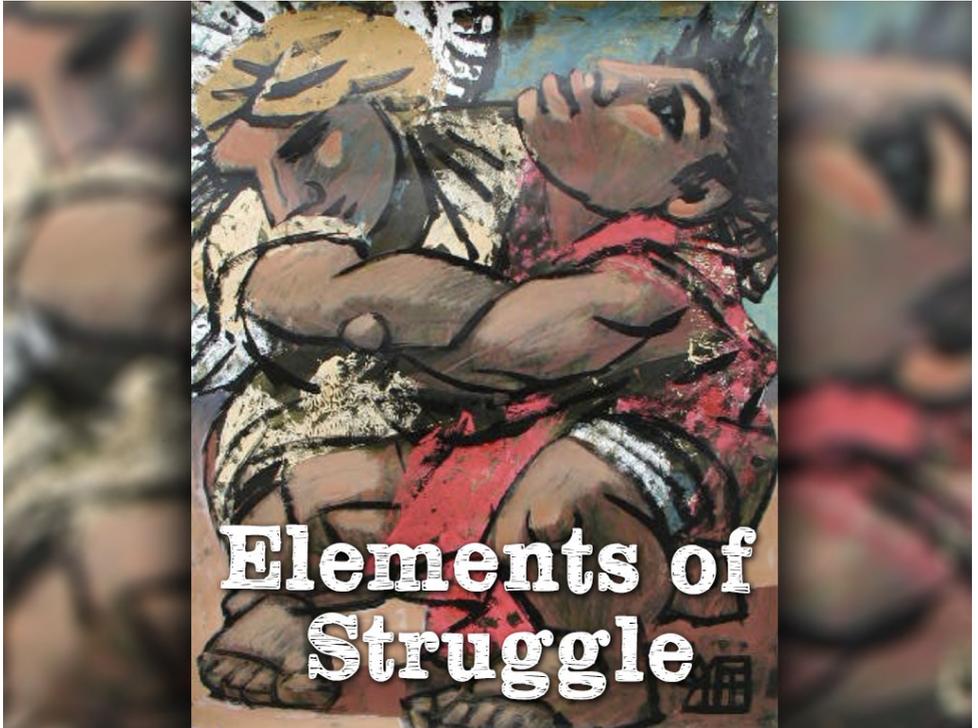
Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Pentecost 18

Sunday 27 September 2015

11:00 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.

Today's worship is led by:

Peter Johnston (Minister)

Rita King (Reader)

Kevin Haggart (Organist)

Peter Cumming (Beadle)

The flowers today have been donated by Meg Strachan.



## Gathering Song

We are God's chosen holy nation

Words &amp; music:

Dave Bankhead &amp; Mike Burn

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*We are God's chosen holy nation,  
we belong to him alone;  
and may this rising generation  
worship Christ upon his throne,  
worship Christ upon his throne.*

1. We believe in God the Father,  
and in Christ, his precious Son.  
We believe he died to save us,  
came to call us as his own.

*We are God's chosen...*

2. We believe he sends his Spirit  
on us now with gifts of power.  
Hear the Spirit calling out to us;  
where he leads us we will go

*We are God's chosen...*

## Call to Worship

Leader:

Welcome to worship, fellow strugglers on the way!  
You are invited to this service,  
fellow wrestlers on the journey!  
Greetings to you, who get tired along faith's rocky road!

**All:**

**Together we congregate,  
together we seek God's face,  
together we help one another  
in being strong,  
in being courageous,  
in being attentive  
to the very presence of the Divine.**

Leader:

Welcome to worship!

Praise

Praise to the Lord, his glories show

CH 152

Welcome and Church Notices

Opening Prayer

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.

All Age Message

A Good Fight?

Praise

Face to Face

Words: Peter Johnston  
 Tune: Pulling Bracken (CH4 386)

*Face to face I've seen God,  
 wrestling with me in my struggles.  
 Face to face I've seen God,  
 now I am much stronger.*

- I. Jacob is a hero today  
 from the Bible in the past,  
 but it was not always that way:  
 lies and stealing, fleeing fast.

*Face to face...*

2. Long one night beside a river  
Jacob got into a fight;  
holding firm Jacob would never  
let his foe get out of sight.  
*Face to face I've seen God,  
wrestling with me in my struggles.  
Face to face I've seen God,  
now I am much stronger.*
3. As the dawn broke on their skirmish  
Jacob wanted to be blessed;  
God spoke up and named him 'Israel',  
he had won this holy test.  
*Face to face...*
4. When in life we face a challenge,  
make amends for what we've done,  
always think of Jacob's struggle:  
God will use us one by one.  
*Face to face...*

Children leave for Sunday Club

Readings                      Genesis, chapter 32, verses 22-30  
Mark, chapter 14, verses 32-36

Act of Confession

Praise                              Fight the good fight                              CH 517

Message                            When Wrestling Wins

The Offering

Offering Praise                      Christ is the world in which we move                      CH 724

## Prayer of Dedication

*Please remain standing*

God of a thousand names,  
may we have ears to hear ours:  
renamed, renewed, reborn  
into the future we create together.

May we find ourselves  
in every dark night of the soul  
with the invitation to choose new life,  
to take what is past and leave it there,  
and pick up the future and journey into it,  
blessed by our new name: change-maker;  
justice-bringer; love-shaper.

May we offer ourselves at this table,  
for service in your kingdom,  
bringing of what we have and who we are,  
and all in the name of Christ. Amen.

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

### Praise

God who is everywhere present on earth SGP 36

1. God who is everywhere present on earth,  
no one can picture completely;  
yet to the eye of the faithful he comes  
and shows himself always uniquely.

*Singing or sad, weeping or glad –  
such are the glimpses of God that we're given.  
Laughter and cheers, anger and tears –  
these we inherit from earth and from heaven.*

2. Shrouded in smoke or else high on the hill,  
quaking with nature's own violence:  
thus was the Lord found, frightening his folk,  
but later he met them in silence.

*Singing or sad...*

3. God is the father who teaches his child  
wisdom and values to cherish;  
God is the mother who watches her young  
and never will let her child perish.  
*Singing or sad, weeping or glad –  
such are the glimpses of God that we're given.  
Laughter and cheers, anger and tears –  
these we inherit from earth and from heaven.*
4. Spear in her hand or with tears on the cheek;  
Monarch and Shepherd and Lover:  
many of the faces that God calls his own  
and many we've yet to discover.  
*Singing or sad...*
5. Can we be certain of how to Lord looks,  
deep through our faith and conviction,  
when in the face of the Saviour we see  
the smile of divine contradiction?  
*Singing or sad...*

The Blessing  
Sung Amen

*Please remain standing*



1. **Care Home Service:** Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Maryfield East.
2. **Cosy House:** The Cosy House will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Foyer. This is open to all Primary 7—Secondary 6 ages.
3. **The Lunch Club** meets every Tuesday at 12.30 p.m. and anyone over 50 is welcome to come along. This is an ideal opportunity to meet socially and enjoy a lovely 2 course meal together (cost £4) and the helpers are looking forward to seeing you all again.
4. **Guild:** The next meeting of the Guild is the Autumn Rally on Saturday 3rd October at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join!
5. **Harvest Envelopes** are available this week for return at the Harvest Sunday Service on 4 October. Envelopes will also be made available in the coffee shop.
6. **Harvest Thanksgiving:** On Sunday 4th October during the service there will be an opportunity to donate non-perishable food items for the Aberdeen Instant Neighbour Trust along with the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal envelope available today and during the week in the Coffee Shop. Assistance with the delivery of flowers following worship next Sunday would be appreciated, especially to areas of the City outwith the Parish.
7. **City-wide Prayer Gatherings:** The next gathering will be Friday 16 October at Destiny Church, 17-22 Don Street, Woodside, AB24 2RS at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in prayer for our city and for the world.
8. **Cairns Counselling Christmas Fundraiser:** Cairns Counselling are hosting a Christmas Floral Demonstration by Rena Cross, on Wednesday 18 November at 7.30 p.m. in Queens Cross Church. Tickets cost £10 and include wine and canapés, and can be obtained from Yvonne Haig. Come along and support this worthwhile cause.
9. **Indoor Car Boot Sale:** Thanks to all who helped with the table top sale on the 12th of September. £474.33 was raised in aid of the Manse Appeal Fund.
10. **Instant Neighbour:** The Sainsbury's trolley is in the atrium during the week and the foyer on Sunday and will be available for any donations you make.
11. **Traidcraft Stall:** Do you have any unwanted jewellery? Traidcraft can turn it into cash and help transform lives while saving precious raw materials. We taken any unwanted or broken jewellery, gold, silver or other metals, gemstones, costume jewellery, broken watches, snapped chains, odd earrings and old or foreign banknotes. Please bring anything you want to donate to the Traidcraft stall or contact Shelagh Bain 01224 588744.



## This Week's Eco Tip

### **Save dough by recycling bread.**

Instead of throwing away stale bread or crusts, use it to make puddings, croutons, shepherd's pie toppings and much more. Baked slowly in a low oven it will turn into golden rusks which can be made into breadcrumbs that will keep in a screw top jar for weeks. Children will enjoy bashing the rusks into crumbs with a rolling pin if you put the rusks in a polythene or paper bag.



## 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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at Ferryhill**