



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Pentecost 16
29 September 2019
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 live stream our worship online. 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), Conor Fegan (Ministry Candidate)
Edna Sainsbury (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Diane Cumming (Beadle)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated this week by Christine Gordon, with love to you all and remembering loved ones.



Gathering Activity

The images that are being shown on the screen as you gather this morning were taken by the photographer Lisa Kristine. She travels the world documenting photographically the lives of people, men and women and children who are trapped in various forms of modern slavery.

As you look into the eyes of those people, ask yourself what you would be feeling in their place, imagine the story that has led them there, and remember that they are all, as are we, children loved by God.

Gathering Praise

I waited patiently for God

CH 31

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in this place

All: in order to turn our face outwards

Leader: that we might be more fully alive in the world,

**All: that we might see beyond ourselves,
that we might be nourished
to seek justice for the oppressed.**

Leader: We gather to be nourished

**All: that we might go from this place
to seek justice,
to show mercy,
to love all.**

Leader: These ways are not dreams or mere options

All: these are the ways of God.

Praise

Be still, my soul

CH 69I

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 Believe in yourself

Baptism of Antoni Kwasigroch

Prayer

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Blessing The Lord bless you and keep you;
 the Lord make his face to shine upon you;
 and be gracious unto you;
 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
 and give you peace.

Presentations

Prayer

Praise

God and parent of all people
Words: John L. Bell, tune: HYFRYDOL (CH 445)

1. God and parent of all people,
 maker of both heaven and earth,
 praise and gratitude we offer
 for the world you brought to birth.
 Nature in its finest clothing,
 science in its richest find
 witness your surpassing goodness,
 meant to nourish humankind.
2. Jesus Christ, eternal Saviour,
 once a child on Mary's breast,
 born to save the saint and sinner,
 destined to reveal God's best,
 you found praise in children's voices,

- you blessed babies by your touch;
 you declare for every infant
 how God loves each one so much.
3. Holy Spirit, sent among us,
 binding earth to heaven above,
 you inspire that selfless beauty
 seen where people share their love.
 For the fruits of human passion
 in the womb, the world, the heart,
 we express, as Christ's own family,
 gratitude in every part.
 4. God, be present in our worship,
 welcoming the one we bring;
 as we baptise, through your Spirit
 seal the grace of which we sing.
 Let our prayers and heaven's intention
 hallow water, sign and vow;
 bless this child whose life is offered
 to embody your life now.

Children leave for Sunday Club

Introduction to Reading

Reading **Genesis 38: 6-26**

Woman in a Man's World

Praise

There is a line of women

Words: John L. Bell, tune: THE SEVEN JOYS OF MARY (CH 340)

- I. There is a line of women
 extending back to Eve
 whose role in shaping history
 God only could conceive;
 and though through endless ages
 their witness was repressed,
 God valued and encouraged them
 through whom the world was blessed.

*So sing a song of Sarah –
to laughter she gave birth;
and sing a song of Tamar
who stood for women's worth;
and sing a song of Hannah
who bargained with her Lord;
and sing a song of Mary
who bore and bred God's Word.*

2. There is a line of women
who took on powerful men,
defying laws and scruples
to let life live again;
and though, despite their triumph,
their stories stayed untold,
God kept their number growing,
creative, strong and bold.

*So sing a song of Shiphrah
with Puah close at hand:
engaged to kill male children,
they foiled the king's command;
and sing a song of Rahab
who sheltered spied and lied;
and sing a song of Esther
preventing genocide.*

3. There is a line of women
who stood by Jesus' side,
who housed him while he ministered
and held him when he died;
and though they claimed he'd risen,
their news was deemed suspect
till Jesus stood among them,
his womanly elect.

*So sing a song of Anna
who saw Christ's infant face;
and sing a song of Martha
who gave him food and space;*

*and sing of all the Marys
who heeded his requests,
and now, at heaven's banquet,
are Jesus' fondest guests.*

Message	Tamar Takes Control	
The Offering		
Offering Praise	We lay our broken world	CH 72I
Act of Dedication		<i>Please remain standing</i>
	God of freedom and grace, we offer our thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and dedicate ourselves once more to seeking a world in which all your children, young or old, women or men, are respected equally. May these tokens of that commitment be used wisely to support your vision and may we do all we can to make that vision a reality, for all. Amen.	
Prayer for Others and Ourselves		
Praise	Great is thy faithfulness	CH 153
Sending		
The Grace	The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore.	
Sung Amen	Amen, amen, alleluia, amen. Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.	



1. **Ferryburn Fellowship:** our youth group meets this evening at the manse, 54 Polmuir Road, at 6.30 p.m.
2. **Disinvestment in Fossil Fuel Companies:** the Presbytery is holding a conference session to which all are invited on Tuesday 1 October, 7 p.m. at Queen's Cross Church. This will give an opportunity to discuss the Climate Emergency and how the church responds to that emergency.
3. The church indoor **Bowling Club** will resume playing in the large hall on Wednesday 2 October from 1.30 - 3.30 p.m. Whatever your skill level, you are welcome to join.
4. **Harvest Thanksgiving:** we will celebrate harvest next Sunday, 6 October, and invite you to please bring gifts of foods that will then be passed to Instant Neighbour. Dried foods, tinned or jarred foods, long-life goods, basic toiletries, dog and cat food will all be gladly received.
5. **Harvest Flowers:** Assistance would be appreciated with the delivery of flowers following the Harvest Thanksgiving next Sunday. If you are able to help, please have your tea/coffee first then pick up a card from the Atrium and collect flowers from the Sanctuary before you leave. Many thanks from the Friendship Team.
6. Following the great success of last year's hilarious **Bingo Night** at the Ashvale, your fundraising team are giving you the opportunity to repeat the experience at 7 p.m. on Friday 11 October 2019. Tickets, at last year's price of £15 per adult and £13 per child, include an Ashvale Supper and are on sale at the Coffee Shop every morning and after the Sunday Service. Prizes for the raffle would be very welcome.
7. Ferryhill Primary School are collecting the **Pounds for Primaries tokens** in the Evening Express which are available between 16 September and 26 October. A share of the prize fund of £10,000 can be earned by collecting as many special tokens printed in the paper and the three schools with the most tokens in each category at the end of the collection period will win a share of the cash. Please keep your eyes peeled for the tokens in the Evening Express and keep collecting!

Useful Information



Eco-Tip

Natural remedy for sore throats

For a cheaper and natural alternative to shop-bought cough medicine, soothe sore throats with an infusion of organic honey and lemon in hot water. The honey will relieve irritation and has valuable antimicrobial properties.



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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