



# Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Pentecost 21  
Sunday 3 November 2019  
6:00 p.m.



You are very welcome to Ferryhill Parish Church for this year's Remembrance Service. Please sit wherever you like in the Memorial Chapel on the left as you enter the sanctuary.

At the end of the service you will have an opportunity to see the Remembrance Book if you wish.

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Welcome

Praise

Comfort, comfort now my people

CH 274

*Isiah 40: 1-5; Adapted by Johannes Olearius, revised by John L. Bell*

1. Comfort, comfort now my people;  
speak of peace - so says your God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
burdened by a heavy load.  
To Jerusalem proclaim:  
God shall take away your shame.  
Now get ready to recover;  
guilt and suffering are over.
2. Hear the herald's proclamation  
in the desert far and near,  
calling all to true repentance,  
telling that the Lord is near.  
Oh, that warning cry obey!  
For your God prepare a way.  
Let the valleys rise to greet him  
and the hills bow down to meet him.
3. Straighten out what has been crooked,  
make the roughest places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
live as fits God's holy reign.  
Soon the glory of the Lord  
shall on earth be shed abroad.  
All the world shall surely see it,  
God is ready to decree it.

Prayer

The First Light

Reading

Genesis 1: 1-5

Reflection

The Second Light

Reading                      John 1: 1-5

Reflection

The Third Light

Reading                      John 8: 12

The Fourth Light

Praise                              **We did not know**                              **WGP 85**

*Words and music: John L. Bell;*

*Tune: Resignation (CH 43)*

1.    We did not know what life was like  
      before our birthing day;  
      nor could we tell what we might do  
      become, believe or say.  
      Each life emerges as a gift,  
      unique by heaven's design.  
      So thank God for the mystery  
      through which our lives combine.
2.    And thank God for the travelled road  
      which brought us to this day,  
      for all we've gone through, all that's past,  
      and all that's meant to stay;  
      for those who shared the light of love  
      and quietly showed their care,  
      and those who recognised in us  
      more than we thought was there.

3. We never know what each day holds:  
 what need will be expressed,  
 what deep desire will be fulfilled,  
 what grief will be our guest.  
 God did not guarantee us life  
 untouched by death or pain,  
 but promised all can work for good  
 while life and love remain.
4. Oh Jesus, who shed tears of grief  
 when you, too, lost a friend,  
 be close to us who can but hope  
 for life beyond life's end.  
 Embrace the one we've loved and lost  
 as fondly as we would;  
 call *her/him* by name and keep *her/him* now  
 both safe and understood.

Reflection

The Fifth Light

Litany of Names

Prayer

Praise

When we are living

CH 726

*John L. Bell*

1. When we are living, we are in the Lord,  
 and when we're dying, we are in the Lord;  
 for in our living and in our dying  
 we belong to God, we belong to God.
2. Each day allows us to decide for good,  
 loving and serving as we know we should;  
 in thankful giving, in hopeful living,  
 we belong to God, we belong to God.

3. Sometimes we sorrow, other times embrace,  
sometimes we question everything we face;  
yet in our yearning is deeper learning:  
we belong to God, we belong to God.
4. Till earth is over may we always know  
love never fails us: God has made it so.  
Hard times will prove us, never remove us;  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

## 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.**

## Sending

**May the light of the Creator,  
the light of Christ**

**and the illumining presence of the Spirit  
be with us all**

**as we go from here,**

**remembering the empty places in our midst,  
but released to serve you, God,**

**in bringing light to our families,  
to our friends,**

**and to our world.**

**Amen.**



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