



**T R I N I T Y**  
**C H U R C H**  
*A B E R D E E N*

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**11.00 AM**

*The Lord's Day*

25th August 2019

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# WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

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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:

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

## ALL:

*“Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
For the LORD has comforted his people  
and will have compassion on his afflicted”*

*(from Isaiah 49)*

**O for a thousand tongues to sing**  
my great Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

Jesus, the name that calms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease;  
this music in the sinner’s ears  
is life and health and peace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of your name.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me.

*Charles Wesley  
Tune: Lyngham*

## **PRAYER**

*with confession of sin (said together):*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father  
You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all.  
He rules and reigns today at your right hand as our King.  
And yet, together, we confess  
    we have not bowed before him,  
    we have not acknowledged his rule in our lives,  
    and we have sought to serve ourselves.  
Forgive us, and raise us from sin.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
    give new life where we are worn and tired;  
    create new love where we have become hard-hearted,  
    grant forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have  
    wounded others.  
In your name we ask it,  
    AMEN.

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDONING GRACE**

“Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?  
As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the LORD.”

*(from Isaiah 49:15)*

## **CHILDREN'S ADDRESS**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

AMEN

*(\*this means the universal Christian church)*

## BAPTISM

*Tobiah John McAlister*

“For you, little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. For you he entered the shadow of Gethsemane and the horror of Calvary. For you he uttered the cry, “It is finished!” For you he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and there he intercedes—for you, little child, even though you do not know it. But in this way the word of the gospel becomes true: “We love him, because he first loved us.”

*The Aaronic Blessing, sung together:*

**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.

**All I once held dear, built my life  
upon,**  
all this world reveres and wars to own,  
all I once thought gain I have counted  
loss;  
spent and worthless now, compared to  
this.

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you;  
there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
you're my joy, my righteousness  
and I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know you  
more,  
to be found in you and known as yours;  
to possess by faith what I could not  
earn,  
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

O to know the power of your risen life  
and to know you in your sufferings;  
to become like you in your death, my  
Lord,  
so with you to live and never die.

*Graham Kendrick*

## **NOTICES**

### **BIBLE READING**

Acts 1:1-11

*(Page 909; Large print 1080)*

### **SERMON**

*How big is your gospel?*

# SERMON NOTES

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## HOW BIG IS YOUR GOSPEL?

Acts 1:1-11

*(Page 909; Large print 1080)*

## **By faith we see the hand of God**

In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His  
faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their  
hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's  
reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is  
done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would  
appear  
With the power to break the chains of  
sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good  
news  
In every corner of the earth

*We will stand...*

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are  
possible  
For all who call upon His name

*We will stand...*

*Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend*

## **OFFERING**

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

*(Acts 20:35)*

*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

### **Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship**

'Holy, holy, holy!' cry;  
'He who is, who was and will be,  
God almighty, Lord most high.'  
Praise and honour, power and glory,  
be to him who reigns alone!  
We, with all his hands have fashioned,  
fall before the Father's throne.

All creation, all redemption,  
join to sing the Saviour's worth;  
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought  
us,  
kings and priests, to reign on earth.  
Wealth and wisdom, power and glory,  
honour, might, dominion, praise!  
Now be his from all his creatures  
and to everlasting days!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith*

*Tune: Hyfrydol*

## BENEDICTION

May Jesus Christ, the sun of righteousness  
who comes with healing in his wings,  
fill you with joy and peace,  
and may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and always.

AMEN.

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## TODAY

**Evening worship 5.00pm, Hotel Ballroom**

*The most important question in the Christian life*

## MONDAY 26TH

**Cruden Trust, Queen Street Premises, 7.00pm**

Our Trustees meet to plan and pray for all aspects of our church finances.

## TUESDAY 27TH -THURSDAY 29TH

Housegroups meet in various homes. 7.30-9.00pm. *Sign up online.*

## THURSDAY 29TH

**Thursday group meets in the Hilton Community Centre, 9.30-11.00am**

This week meeting for Bible Study 6, *Women and the family of God*

## SATURDAY 31ST

**Tr:uth group meeting to climb Scolty Hill, followed by a BBQ**

Meet at Scolty Car Park at 3pm. Contact: [alastairhuey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alastairhuey@hotmail.co.uk)

## SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

**Morning worship with creche and Sunday School, 11.00am, Hotel Ballroom.**

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

**There will be no Tr:uth Group this evening**

£3



£1



£1



£5



# INFORMATION & DIARY DATES



## TRINITY HOUSEGROUPS

New Housegroups are being formed, meeting in five different locations, beginning this week on 27th August. 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.

## 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.

## HELP REQUIRED

From Friday 13th - Saturday 14th September, our Presbytery is visiting Aberdeen. 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](http://www.trinityaberdeen.org.uk/events)

## THE GENDER AGENDA

On Saturday 21 September 2019 we are hosting a Day Conference at The Mission that will look at what the Bible says about gender in the light of the cultural changes all around us. Book online: [www.trinityaberdeen.org.uk/events](http://www.trinityaberdeen.org.uk/events)

## PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Please note the date of our next prayer fellowship meeting: Thursday 5th September 2019, 7.30pm, in our Queen Street premises.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS ...

Our Planning Application for our renovation project at Queen Street has now been submitted to Aberdeen City Council. Please pray for those making decisions about it and those leading our project as we prepare to enter the next phase.

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