

## Ayr St Columba Church

Sunday 24 January 2021



### Fire of God

It is done.  
Once again the Fire has penetrated the earth.  
Not with the sudden crash of thunderbolt,  
riving the mountain tops –  
does the Master break down doors to enter his own house?  
Without earthquake, or thunderclap,  
the flame has lit up the whole world within.  
All things individually and collectively  
are penetrated and flooded by it,  
from the inmost core of the tiniest atom  
to the mighty sweep of the universal laws of being:  
so naturally has it flooded every element, every energy,  
every connecting link in the unity of the cosmos,  
that one might suppose the cosmos to have burst  
spontaneously into flame.

*Pierre Teilhard de Chardin  
(1881 - 1955)*

*Organ Voluntary*

*The Bible, God's Word for life, is placed in the pulpit by the Beadle.*

Welcome & Announcements

Preparatory Silence

Call to Worship

**Hymn 189**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord**

*(t Be Still)*

Be still,  
for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
in him no sin is found --  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still,  
for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.

Be still,  
for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight --  
our radiant king of light!  
Be still,  
for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still,  
for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace:  
no work too hard for him --  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still,  
for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

*David J. Evans (b.1957)*

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Absolution and Supplication

Lesson

St Mark 1: 14 – 20

**Hymn 339**

**Sing of Andrew, John's disciple** (*t Nettleton*)

Sing of Andrew, John's disciple,  
led by faith through ways untrod,  
till the Baptist cried at Jordan,  
'There behold the Lamb of God.'  
Stirred by hearing this new teacher,  
Andrew, freed from doubt and fear,  
ran to tell his brother Simon,  
'God's Anointed One is here!'

Sing of Andrew, called by Jesus  
from the shores of Galilee,  
leaving boats and nets and kindred,  
trusting in that 'Follow me.'  
When a boy's small meal fed thousands,  
when inquiring Greeks found care,  
when the Spirit came in blessing --  
Andrew faithfully was there.

Sing of Andrew, bold apostle,  
sent to make the gospel known,  
faithful to his Lord's example,  
called to make a cross his own.  
So may we who prize his memory  
honour Christ in our own day,  
bearing witness to our neighbours,  
living what we sing and pray. *Carl P. Daw, Jr (b.1944) (alt.)*

Reflection

Solo

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, Commemoration of the Faithful Departed and The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn 533**

**Will you come and follow me** (*t Kelvingrove*)

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

**BENEDICTION**

*Closing Voluntary*