

Ayr St Columba Church
Sunday 14 March 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Effortlessly,
Love flows from God into man,
Like a bird
Who rivers the air
Without moving her wings.
Thus we move in His world
One in body and soul.
Though outwardly separate in form.
As the Source strikes the note,
Humanity sings –
The Holy Spirit is our harpist,
And all the strings
Which are touched in Love
Must sound.

Mechtild of Magdeburg

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 147 All creatures of our God and King *(t Lasst uns Erfreuen)*
(omitting verses 4, 5 and 6)

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
Bright brother sun with golden beam,
clear sister moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift rushing wind, so wild and strong,
high clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
New-breaking dawn, in praise rejoice,
and lights of evening, find a voice:

Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, with your flames so fierce and bright,
giving to all both warmth and light:

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
translated William Henry Draper (1855-1933) (alt.)

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Absolution and Supplication

Lesson Numbers 21: 4 - 9

Hymn 604 Holy Wisdom, lamp of learning *(t In Babilone)*

Holy wisdom, lamp of learning,
bless the light that reason lends.
Teach us judgment as we kindle
sparks of thought your Spirit sends.
Sanctify our search for knowledge
and the truth that sets us free.
Come, illumine mind and spirit
joined in deepest unity.

Vine of truth, in you we flourish;
by your grace we learn and grow.
May the word of Christ among us
shape our life, your will to know.
Joined to Christ in living, dying,
may we help the Church convey
witness to the saving gospel,
bearing fruit of faith today.

Holy God, the hope of nations,
tune us to your righteous will,
as the symphony of ages
claims our best, our finest skill.
Shape our search for peace and justice
through prophetic deed and word.
Christ, conduct us, set our rhythm,
that God's praise be ever heard.

Ruth C. Duck (b.1947)

Reflection

Solo

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

Hymn 577 Christ be beside me *(t Bunessan)*

Christ be beside me,
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me,
Christ be below me,
Christ be above me,
never to part.

Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising,
light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts
thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues
telling of me.
Christ be the vision
in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me,
Christ ever be.

*from St Patrick's Breastplate, 8th century
adapted James Quinn (1919-2010)*

BENEDICTION

Closing Voluntary

