



Church of Scotland  
**AYR ST COLUMBA CHURCH**

**Sunday 9 May 2021**

Tyger Tyger, burning bright,  
In the forests of the night;  
What immortal hand or eye,  
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

In what distant deeps or skies.  
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?  
On what wings dare he aspire?  
What the hand, dare seize the fire?

And what shoulder, & what art,  
Could twist the sinews of thy heart?  
And when thy heart began to beat,  
What dread hand? & what dread feet?

What the hammer? what the chain,  
In what furnace was thy brain?  
What the anvil? what dread grasp,  
Dare its deadly terrors clasp!

When the stars threw down their spears  
And water'd heaven with their tears:  
Did he smile his work to see?  
Did he who made the Lamb make thee?

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What immortal hand or eye,  
Dare frame thy fearful symmetry?

*William Blake (1757 – 1827)  
Poet & Painter*

*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 494    Thou whose almighty word**

*(t Moscow)*

Thou whose almighty word  
Chaos and darkness heard  
And took their flight.  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And, where the gospel day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring,  
On thy redeeming wing,  
Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth thy flight;  
Move o'er the waters' face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light.

Blessed and holy Three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
Boundless as ocean's tide  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the world far and wide  
Let there be light.  
*John Marriott, 1780-1825*

### Call to Prayer

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Absolution and Supplication

Lesson Job 38: 1 – 7, 16 - 24

**Hymn 191 Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you**  
*(I Do Not Be Afraid)*

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters I'll be with you,  
you will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.

*Gerald Markland (b.1953)  
from Isaiah 43: 1- 4*

### Reflection

Solo Dear Lord and Father of mankind (vv 1&2)

Organ Air *Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)*

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

**Hymn 419 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son** *(I Maccabeus)*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Edmond Budry (1854-1932)  
translated Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)*

### BENEDICTION

Postlude Voluntary in C

*William Boyce (1711-79)*