

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
AYR ST COLUMBA CHURCH
Sunday 20 June 2021



‘If You Want to Find the Truth’

If you want to find the truth that matters, remember this: it’s hidden and not what you think. So stop thinking. And don’t imagine you can find it through what you can put into words. It’s like light that bursts forth from the darkness, like waters rising from unseen depths, or the wind that blows where it will.

*Meister Eckhart (c. 1260 – c. 1328)
Priest and mystic*

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 35 O send thy light forth

(t. Invocation)

O send thy light forth and thy truth;
let them be guides to me,
and bring me to thine holy hill,
even where thy dwellings be.
Then will I to God's altar go,
to God my chiefest joy:
yea, God, my God, thy name to praise
my harp I will employ.

Why art thou then cast down, my soul?
what should discourage thee?
And why with vexing thoughts art thou
disquieted in me?
Still trust in God; for him to praise
good cause I yet shall have:
he of my countenance is the health,
my God that doth me save.

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Absolution and Supplication

Lesson St Mark 4: 35-41

Hymn 253 Inspired by love and anger

(t. Aurelia)

Inspired by love and anger,
disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God's own bias,
we ponder once again:
'How long must some folk suffer?
How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest
turn prayer and pity blind?'

From those for ever victims
of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes
a litany of need:
'Where are the fruits of justice?
Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners
and dreams find their release?'

God asks, 'Who will go for me?
Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen,
will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome,
will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow,
will walk the road I show?'

Amused in someone's kitchen,
asleep in someone's boat,
attuned to what the ancients
exposed, proclaimed, and wrote,
a saviour without safety,
a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance
with fishermen and fools.

Reflection

Solo (Rachel 10am) Christ be with me, Christ within me

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Choir (11.15am) Christ be with me, Christ within me

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

Hymn 707 Healing river of the Spirit

(t Hyfrydol)

Healing river of the Spirit,
bathe the wounds that living brings.
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness
deep beneath your sacred springs.
Weary from the restless searching
that has lured us from your side,
we discover in your presence
peace the world cannot provide.

Wellspring of the healing Spirit,
stream that flows to bring release,
as we gain our selves, our senses,
may our lives reflect your peace.
Grateful for the flood that heals us,
may your Church live out your grace.
As we meet both friend and stranger,
may we see our Saviour's face.

Living stream that heals the nations,
make us channels of your power.
All the world is torn by conflict;
wars are raging at this hour.
Saving Spirit, move among us;
guide our winding human course,
till we find our way together,
flowing homeward to our Source.

Ruth C. Duck (b.1947)

BENEDICTION

Closing Voluntary Hyfrydol