

AYR ST COLUMBA CHURCH  
Sunday 6 June 2021

Service of Holy Communion



**Love (III)**

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,  
    Guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
    From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning  
    If I lacked anything.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:  
    Love said, you shall be he.  
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
    I cannot look on thee.

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
    Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame  
    Go where it doth deserve.  
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?  
    My dear, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat.  
    So I did sit and eat.

*George Herbert (1593 – 1633)  
Priest and Poet*

*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 510    Jesus calls us here to meet him**      *(t. Blaenwern CH4 468)*

Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of life and Lord of all,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness,  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other,  
vastly different though we are;  
creed and colour, class and gender  
neither limit nor debar.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to his table  
rooted firm in time and space,  
where the Church in earth and heaven  
finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body;  
share the love of which we sing;  
share the feast for saints and sinners  
hosted by our Lord and King.

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Absolution and Supplication

Lesson Psalm 138

Reflection

Musical Interlude Chorale prelude on "Look upon us, blessed Lord"

*BWV 633 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymn King of glory, King of peace**

*(t Gwalchmai)*

King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
And, that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
And the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me,  
And alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enrol thee;  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol thee.

*George Herbert (1593 – 1633)*

**BENEDICTION**

Postlude Prelude to the Te Deum *Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)*