

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
**AYR ST COLUMBA CHURCH**

**11 JULY 2021**



Invisible we see you, Christ above us,  
With earthly eyes we see above us clouds or  
sunshine,  
But with the eye of faith we know you reign:  
instinct in the sun ray,  
speaking in the storm,  
warming and moving all creation, Christ above us.  
All is in flux; turn but a stone and an angel moves.  
Underneath are the everlasting arms.  
Unknowable we know you, Christ beneath us.

*George MacLeod, founder of the Iona Community*

*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 As the deer pants for the water CH4 550**

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.  
*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.*  
*You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver;  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver,  
and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a King.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

*Martin J. Nystrom (b.1956)*

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Absolution and Supplication

Lesson Luke 19: 1 - 9

**Hymn Take this moment CH4 501**

Take this moment, sign, and space;  
take my friends around;  
here among us make the place  
where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name,  
take the time to mend  
who I am and what I've been,  
all I've failed to tend.

Take the tiredness of my days,  
take my past regret,  
letting your forgiveness touch  
all I can't forget.

Take the little child in me,  
scared of growing old;  
help me here to find my worth  
made in Christ's own mould.

Take my talents, take my skills,  
take what's yet to be;  
let my life be yours, and yet,  
let it still be me.

*John L. Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)*

## Reflection

Solo (10am) Dear Lord and Father of mankind *CH4 485, vv 1&2*  
Choir (11,15am)

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

**Hymn Summer Suns are glowing *CH4 225***

Summer suns are glowing  
over land and sea;  
happy light is flowing,  
bountiful and free.  
Everything rejoices  
in the mellow rays;  
all earth's thousand voices  
swell the psalm of praise.

See God's mercy streaming  
over all the world,  
and his banner gleaming,  
everywhere unfurled.  
Broad and deep and glorious,  
as the heaven above,  
shines in might victorious  
his eternal love.

Lord, upon our blindness  
your pure radiance pour;  
for your loving-kindness  
make us love you more.  
And, when clouds are drifting  
dark across the sky,  
then, the veil uplifting,  
Father, still be nigh.

We will never doubt you,  
though you veil your light;  
life is dark without you;  
death with you is bright.  
Light of light, shine o'er us  
on our pilgrim way;  
still go on before us,  
to the endless day.

*William Walsham How (1823-1897) (alt.)*

## BENEDICTION

*Closing Voluntary* Trumpet Tune *Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*