

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
AYR ST COLUMBA CHURCH  
Sunday 4 July 2021



**Du Dunkelheit, aus der ich stamme**

You, darkness, of whom I am born –

I love you more than the flame  
that limits the world  
to the circle it illumines  
and excludes the rest.

But the dark embraces everything:  
shapes and shadows, creatures and me,  
people, nations – just as they are.

It lets me imagine  
a great presence stirring beside me.

I believe in the night.

*Rainer Maria Rilke (1875 – 1926)  
Poet and Novelist*

Prelude      Andante from Organ Trio Sonata No. 4 BWV 528  
*J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)*

*The Bible, God's Word for life, is placed in the pulpit by the Beadle.*

Welcome & Announcements  
Preparatory Silence

Call to Worship

**Hymn 63**      **All people that on earth do dwell**      (*t Old 100<sup>th</sup>*)  
(*Psalm 100*)

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto:  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Absolution and Supplication

Lesson      St Mark 6: 1 – 13

**Hymn 517**      **Fight the good fight**      (*t. Duke Street*)

Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right;  
lay hold on life, and it shall be  
your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
lift up your eyes, and seek his face;  
life with its path before us lies;  
Christ is the way, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your Guide;  
his boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and your trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear; his arm is near;  
he does not change, and you are dear;  
only believe, and Christ shall be  
your all in all eternally.

*John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)*

Reflection

Solo (10am)      *Mélodie à Marie Tayeau op. 46 No. 4*  
*Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911).*

Choir (11.15)      Holy Spirit, hear us      *CH4 599, vv 1&2*

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

**Hymn 739**      **The Church's one foundation**      (*t. Aurelia*)

The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord:  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word;  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Called forth from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
and shares one holy food,  
as to one hope she presses,  
with every grace ended.

In toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore,  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystical communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

*Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) (alt.)*

**BENEDICTION**

Postlude      Rigaudon      *André Campa (1660-1744)*