



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Kelso



An Open and Inclusive Church

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Regular Services:

Wednesdays 10am : Holy Communion (1982 Liturgy)

Sundays 8.30am : Holy Communion (Scottish Prayer Book)

10am: Eucharist (1982 Liturgy) .

COVID restrictions re social distancing have been relaxed, but wearing face coverings is still mandatory. From Sept 12th, we will sing! As we mingle, please respect each other's personal space. Communion will be received in one kind only. Our online services will continue to be provided via these links:

Website: www.standrewskelso.co.uk/services YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/StAndrewsKelso

Today's Services:

Sunday October 17th 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am: Holy Communion (Scottish Prayer Book)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Ian Clark

10am: Eucharist (1982 Liturgy)

In Church: Celebrant: The Rev'd Grace Redpath

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Ian Clark

Liturgy of the Word: and Intercessions: Margaret Addie

Online: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Bob King

Liturgy of the Word and Intercessions: The Rev'd Grace Redpath

Lesson Reader: Eddie Gaskell

The Rev'd Canon Bob King is taking the Service in St John's, Jedburgh

So, welcome to our services, wherever and however you join us, and remember that Grace and I are available at any time to talk on the phone or Facetime or Messenger or Text.

With my love and prayers, Bob

The Peace of the Lord be always with us
Opening Hymn: No 286: Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee;

**holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!**

**2.Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert, and art,
and evermore shall be.**

**3.Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful mortal eye
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy,
there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r,
in love, and purity.**

**4.Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessèd Trinity!**

The Liturgy of the Word and Intercessions The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and with all your strength."

The second is this:
"Love your neighbour as yourself."
There is no other commandment greater than these.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen

Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Intercessions

Grace/Margaret will lead our prayers for the Church and the World, and we are invited to bring our own concerns before God, including:

RIP: John Gee-Turner, who died on October 4th in the care of the BGH. Our love and prayers go out to Corinne, Lindsey and Emma.

May the souls of the faithful, by the mercy of God, Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Coronavirus: all who are suffering from it, worrying about it, treating it, researching it, and all who are working to keep us safe, and keep us fed.

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time, including: William Bamford, James Hogarth, Isabella Pyle, Sheila Hume, Chris Simpson, Mary-Ann Young, James Cowan, Thomas Carey, Joan Hollings, Andy Bennett, Elizabeth Oliver and all who mourn them.

Readings:

Isaiah 53.4-9

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment

that made us whole and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹ They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 10, v 35-45 Glory to Christ our Saviour

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.'

³⁶ And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?'

³⁷ And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.'

³⁸ But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?'

³⁹ They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel Praise to Christ our Lord.

Reflection: The Rev'd Canon Bob King

What's in it for me?

Here they come: the Zebedee boys. In fact, you can see them coming. They've been shopping at Austin Reed, and they like how they look.

They flash whitened smiles, they've got just enough grey around the temples to look experienced but not tired; enough tan to look sporty, not like they have to earn a living out of doors.

They sidle up to Jesus. "Hey Jesus, can we speak with you in private, just for a moment?"

They want to get him alone, out of earshot of the rest of the disciples, because they want something and they're smart enough to know the others might not appreciate the deal they want to cut with the Lord.

"We're close, right? Friends?" we can hear them saying.

"We've had some special times together, you and us?" They don't beat around the bush as they jockey for favour from the Lord.

They come right to the point. They are ambitious for the top spots. The Zebedee Brothers want to be co-CEOs of the new Church.

They want the top cabinet posts in Jesus' administration.

They want to give orders, not take them; ask the questions, not answer them.

If this caricature seems a bit caustic, then it captures the tone of the Gospel reading for today. But before we distance ourselves from the Zebedee boys too quickly, it's worth considering that the reason the church saved this little story of big embarrassment for the disciples is that Jesus knows we all have a little Zebedee in us.

Maybe we don't aim as high as they in wanting to be at Christ's right and left hand in his glory, but maybe we do share something of their approach to life.

There has been a lot written about mission statements as a way to guide us as we go through life, about how as groups or as individuals, we can use mission statements to help us set priorities, to keep focus on what really matters most to us.

I think there is also such a thing as a mission question—a mission question that sums up our approach to life.

And just like a mission statement, a mission question can guide, for better or worse, how we live our lives.

When looking at James and John, we can surmise the question that guides their lives, that leads them to ask for special status.

Their mission question is, "What's in it for me?"

Today's scene is not just embarrassing, it's heart-breaking, because we've seen how James and John left their fishing business and their father to follow Jesus.

We've seen that they have sacrificed a lot to continue with Jesus down this road of discipleship.

But today we see that ugly question, rearing its self-centred head: *what's in it for me?*

Now James and John are on the right track in that they do have faith in Jesus' victory.

They have faith that Jesus is actually a good leader, a man with great potential for power.

Even though, like the rest of the disciples, they often don't get what he's saying, they think he's the one to back, he's the candidate who is going to come out on top.

They think, even though some of his teachings are strange and idealistic, Jesus will be glorified, and they want to be there when it happens, on his right and on his left.

They're willing to follow Jesus because they want to back a winner.

And if Jesus is a winner, then maybe some of his prestige and power will trickle down to them. They're approaching discipleship from this angle: *what's in it for me?*

The sons of Zebedee don't realize Jesus' talk about service as a way of life, of the abundance that comes from being emptied out, of the security that comes from loosening your grasp on things and power and allowing yourself instead to be grasped by God, is not merely a means to an end.

They don't realize the irony, that if you can give up that question – *what's in it for me?* – you'll get more than you ever dreamed.

Serving others is powerful. Giving up yourself for another, being emptied out in love is abundant life. But to find your way to these rewards, you have to stop asking the question, *What's in it for me?*

What's in it for me? It's the question that turns friendships sour when you realize that someone seems only to take and never to give.

In our Gospel reading, the sons of Zebedee are not alone. When the other disciples hear that James and John have put themselves above their peers, they run up to Jesus too. They're angry. They're mad. And not because they see that James and John have misunderstood.

They're mad because they didn't think of it first.

But Jesus doesn't give up on his disciples. Jesus sees beyond all of this.

Maybe he could see them as they would become, filled with the Holy Spirit after Pentecost, transformed into courageous witnesses whose dreams of greatness, whose *what's in it for me?* attitude had been replaced by the humble goal of serving the Lord they love.

Perhaps he could see that someday they would stop asking, *what's in it for me?* and start asking the other question in today's Gospel, Jesus' question:

What is it you want me to do for you?

At first glance, we may imagine Jesus asking this question in frustration. He asks it, after all, just after the Zebedee boys have come up to him and demanded that he say yes, even before they tell him what their demand is:

"What is it you want me to do for you?" But this is the question Jesus always asks.

This is Jesus' question for all who come to him. This is Jesus' open, vulnerable mission question – a question that guides his life of service, of his willingness to meet us where we are, to allow us the freedom to tell him what we really want.

This means sometimes that Jesus hears requests like James' and John's

And sometimes, Jesus hears the honest response of those who know that Jesus is our only hope: requests for healing, forgiveness, a second or third or fourth chance, a chance to try again, a chance to come before Jesus empty-handed and say, "Lord have mercy, Lord, let me know your grace and love."

A task for those who would follow Jesus is to allow Jesus to transform our questions so that we are people who ask not, "*What's in it for me?*" but, "Jesus, what is it you want me to do for you?"

And be brave enough to listen for Jesus' answer and open to receive its rewards.

Jesus comes to us and asks, "What is it you want me to do for you?"

May Jesus heal and transform us so that we might ask the same of him and be brave enough to listen to the answer. Amen.

Song: Will you come and follow me?

**1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know,
and never be the same?**

**will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you, and you in me?**

**2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?**

**will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you, and you in me?**

**3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?**

**Will you set the pris'ners free,
and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you, and you in me?**

**4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?**

**5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you,
and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you, and you in me.**

The Service continues with Eucharistic Prayer V

**Celebrated for us online by The Rev'd Canon Bob King
In Church by The Rev'd Grace Redpath
Please join in the Communion anyway you would like to.**

During Communion in Church, the Choir will sing Hymn no 81: Bread is blessed and broken

- 1. Bread is blessed and broken,
wine is blessed and poured:
take this and remember,
Christ the Lord.**

- 2. Share the food of heaven
earth cannot afford.
Here is grace in essence -
Christ the Lord.**

- 3. Know yourself forgiven,
find yourself restored,
meet a friend for ever –
Christ the Lord.**

- 4. God has kept his promise
sealed by sign and word,
here for those who want him –
Christ the Lord.**

Prayer after Communion

God our Father whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: No 541: O Thou who camest from above

- 1. O thou, who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.**

- 2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise**

- 3. Jesus, confirm our heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;**

still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.

4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

**So, let us all go – or stay –in peace, to love and serve the Lord,
wherever and however we can.
In the name of Christ. Amen**

NOTICES

Eco-Snippet: ‘

WHY IT’S GOOD TO BE AN IMPERFECT HUMAN

‘We don’t need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly. We need millions of people doing it imperfectly.’

Source: Zero-Waste Chef and blogger, Anne-Marie Bonneau

Harvest Donations:

Christian Aid: Many thanks for your generosity in donating just over **£600** to Christian Aid.

Food Bank: The Kelso Food Bank is very grateful for the donated food, which, together with similar from other local Churches and Schools, means stocks are well replenished just now. Our collection box will remain at the back of Church and any future shortages will be advised.

All Saints/All Souls

We will celebrate **All Saints Day** on Sunday October 31st, and **All Souls Day** on Wednesday Nov 3rd. There are sign-up sheets on clipboards at the back of Church for recording the names of those we wish remembered at the All Souls service, or alternatively, send an email to the office for names to be added (standrewskelso@gmail.com).

The **Book of Remembrance** will be updated shortly, so please fill in the form by the **Book** if you wish an entry made, or email as above.

To avoid any confusion, the Book of Remembrance , with pages turned daily, is in addition to the church record, from which the Anniversaries of Death are taken each week.