

Strathearn Episcopal Churches 18th July 2021

Hymn 325 Loving Shepherd of thy sheep

Collect

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reading Ephesians 2:11-end

11 So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

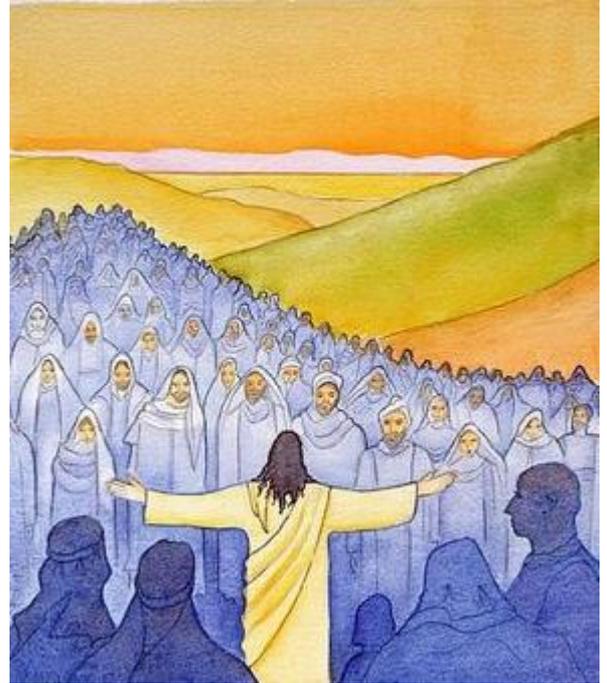
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**



Hymn 376 Christ's is the world

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 6:30-34,53,56
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.



53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Hymn 152 Gather around for the table is spread

Hymn 298 King of glory King of peace

Hymn 467 Tell out my soul

Prayers Thanksgiving (using the Ephesians passage)

Good and gracious Father,
We give thanks for blessings
of home and family,
of education and nurture,
of art and science.

For all who make peace, for all who build bridges,
for all who have learned to forgive the past, we give thanks.
For all good people, and for all lovely things,
we bless Your marvellous creation.

For our identity in Christ,
and for those who have explained this and loved it into our lives,
we are truly grateful.

For our place in Christ's church,
for opportunities to serve and to be served,
we say thank You.

For the wonderful story of our salvation,
for the prophets and apostles who named it,
for the scriptures which carried it into our own history,
we bless Your marvellous purpose.

We thank You that Jesus Christ did not only live for us,
but died and rose again for us.

We give thanks that He lives as the cornerstone of the universe,
that we are built with Him into a holy temple,
unseen yet strong and lasting.

He is our peace: He is peace within our own lives,
He is peace between us all, and His peace is a gift for every
situation.

We bless Your marvellous name. Amen.

Living God,
you know our needs better than we know them
ourselves,
you alone seeing into the heart
and being able to offer real peace,
enduring happiness
and true fulfilment.
So we come,
not to besiege you with requests
or plague you with demands,
but asking simply that you will work within us

as you deem best,
drawing us closer to you and increasing our
faith.
Help us to focus above all on your kingdom
and your righteousness,
in the knowledge that you delight to give all
we need
and so much more,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. *Nick Fawcett*



Notices

Please pray for all,

and in **Crieff**: Zena Howard, Maureen Corbett; Donald Macaskill.;

in **Comrie**: Rachel Crane, Brian & Helen Hughes, Agnes Morrison, Louis Sainsbury, the Appletree Community, Maureen Shelley.

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The Services for the next few weeks are in the table below.

	18 July GE AWAY	25 July	1 Aug	8 Aug	15 Aug	22 Aug
St Serf's Comrie	9.30 HC Rev Denise Herbert	9.30 GE HC	9.30 GE HC	9.30 GE HC	9.30 GE HC	9.30 GE HC
St Columba's Crieff	11.15 HC Rev Denise Herbert	11.15 GE HC	11.15 GE HC	11.15 GE HC	11.15 GE HC	11.15 GE HC
St Angus Lochearnhead	No Service	5.30 GE HC	5.30 GE HC	5.30 GE HC	No service	5.30 GE HC
St Fillans Killin		4.15 GE HC				