



Sunday 2nd May 2021

Strathearn Episcopal Churches

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Hymn

**Let all the world in every corner sing:
'My God and King!'
The heavens are not too high;
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low;
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
'My God and King!'**

**Let all the world in every corner sing:
'My God and King!'
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out:
But, above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
'My God and King!'**

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world: and the wonder of your risen life: Give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south^[a] to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'^[b]

³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip^[c] baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hymn

**Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.**

**2 When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.**

**3 When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.**

**4 Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?**

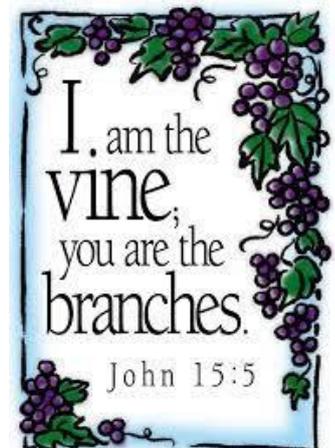
**5 Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.**

**6 O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!**

John 15:1-11

¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes^[a] to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed^[b] by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become^[c] my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.



Prayer

God of planting and harvest,
growth and nourishment,
we see you everywhere and in everything.

The natural world gives us so much
to enjoy and use physically,

to ponder and reflect on emotionally and spiritually.
We see that everything is connected:
soil, sun and rainfall;
chemistry and biology bringing seed to harvest;
engineering and creativity making products fit for plate or glass.
Connections run deep within your created world,
and we, your people, are in the middle of it all,

Worship song

**YOU ARE THE VINE,
We are the branches,
Keep us abiding in You.
You are the Vine,
We are the branches,
Keep us abiding in You.**

**BE STILL, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour
He is crowned.**

**Immortal Invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**

linked to each other—entwined with nature herself.
Forever remind us of how you call us to not just be consumers of your world's products,
but stewards too of all that is beautiful and special.
Living God,
let your natural world thrive into eternity,
a reminder for all people of your divine glory. Amen.

**Then we'll grow in Your love,
Then we'll go in Your name,
That the world will surely know
That You have power to heal and to save.**

**How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love**

To all life Thou givest,
to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the
tree,
And wither and perish; but naught
changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;

All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth
Thee.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we
praise.

Notices

Please pray for all, and in Crieff: Zena Howard, Maureen Corbett; Daphne Foster; **Comrie:** Rachel Crane, Brian & Helen Hughes, Agnes Morrison, Louis Sainsbury, the Appletree Community, Maureen Shelley

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

So that we can ensure that we have enough socially distant seats, if you intend coming to St Serf's please contact - Kate Mitchell - katharine.mitchell@btinternet.com or 01764 670248. For St Columba's you only need to let us know if there is a large group of you - Jane Humble janehumble@btinternet.com or 01764 654047 On Sundays there will be a Provincial service online which is broadcast each Sunday at 11 am. <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/>

This week's morning prayer and coffee catch up will be on Thursday 6th May at 11am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83407636739?pwd=OGZ3WjZlT0JsTzhGRHZNUU1Q1VzZz09>

Church	9 May	16 may GE Off	23 May Pentecost	30 th May Trinity	6 June	13 June	20 June
St Serf's	9.30 GE HC	Martin Morning Prayer	9.30 GE HC	9.30am Martin Morning Prayer	9.30 GE HC	9.30 GE HC	9.30 HC GE
St Columba's	11.15 GE HC	11.15 Morning Prayer Self led	11.15 GE HC	11.15 Bob Morning Prayer	11.15 GE HC	11.15 GE HC	11.15 GE HC
St Angus'	11.15 Bob Morning Prayer	No service	5.30 GE HC	11.15 GE HC	5.30 GE HC	5.30 GE HC	No service
St Filan's Killin				10am GE HC			