

MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH

EDINBURGH

Live Streamed Service Every Sunday

Sunday 15 August 2021

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL – 6. CORINTH



St Paul by Bartolomeo Montagna - 1482

The Inner History of a Day

We seldom notice how each day is a holy place
Where the eucharist of the ordinary happens,
Transforming our broken fragments
Into an eternal continuity that keeps us.

Somewhere in us a dignity presides
That is more gracious than the smallness
That fuels us with fear and force,
A dignity that trusts the form a day takes.

So at the end of this day, we give thanks
For being betrothed to the unknown
And for the secret work
Through which the mind of the day
And wisdom of the soul become one.

John O'Donohue

Led by the Very Revd Dr Andrew McLellan, Hillary Leslie,
and the congregation in church and online



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AS A DIVERSE PEOPLE, THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP ALMIGHTY GOD

Organ Voluntaries

Welcome & Church News

The Grace

Preparatory Silence for Worship

Call to Worship

From Psalm 66

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

All: Sing the glory of God's name;

Leader: Give to God glorious praise!

All: Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!'



Hymn 63
Psalm 100

All people that on earth do dwell

(t. Old 100th)

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.

The Scottish Psalter, 1929

Prayer of Approach, Praise and Confession & Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Reflection

Led by Hillary Leslie

Paul in Corinth

18 After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³ and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. ⁴ Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

⁵ When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with proclaiming the word, testifying to the Jews that the Messiah was Jesus. ⁶ When they opposed and reviled him, in protest he shook the dust from his clothes and said to them, ‘Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.’ ⁷ Then he left the synagogue and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God; his house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸ Crispus, the official of the synagogue, became a believer in the Lord, together with all his household; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul became believers and were baptized. ⁹ One night the Lord said to Paul in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, for there are many in this city who are my people.’ ¹¹ He stayed there for a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Anthem

O God my King

Words: Psalm 145: 1,3,8 and 21

Music: John Amner (1579 to 1641)

O God, my King: I will magnify thee, and praise thy Name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness. The Lord is gracious and merciful: long-suffering and of great goodness. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

Reading

Acts 18: 12 - 17

Read by Karen Madill

¹² But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal. ¹³ They said, 'This man is persuading people to worship God in ways that are contrary to the law.' ¹⁴ Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, 'If it were a matter of crime or serious villainy, I would be justified in accepting the complaint of you Jews; ¹⁵ but since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves; I do not wish to be a judge of these matters.' ¹⁶ And he dismissed them from the tribunal. ¹⁷ Then all of them seized Sosthenes, the official of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of these things.

Hymn

And did you know that on the very night *(t. Eventide)*

And did you know that on the very night
On which you washed your own disciples feet
One whom you loved would leave the upstairs room
And scurry through the dark to price your head?

And did you know that those you trusted most
Who tried your patience and enjoyed your love
Who knew your fondest stories off by heart
Would soon desert you in the dead of night?

And did you know that while it yet was dark
Your fiercest enemies would rub their hands
And scoundrels who were game for any bribe
Would lie and lie again to seal your fate?

Did you know this when, with your healing hands
You broke the bread and shared the cup of wine
and feasted in the face of certain death
That we in this place may do so again?

Then Jesus, on your fearless faith we lean.
Here let us taste the food and drink of heaven
and in it own the brokenness we cause
and through it know that all can be forgiven.

Sermon
The Very Revd Dr Andrew McLellan

Prayer for Others

Hymn 415 This joyful Eastertide

(t. Vruechten)

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow:

*Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but Christ has now arisen!
arisen! arisen! arisen!*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number:

Death's flood has lost its chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver:

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

Closing Responses

Leader: May God's Word be in your heart.

All: May God's Word be on your lips.

Leader: May God's Word be in your touch.

All: May God's Word direct your feet.

Leader: On this day and all your days to come

All: May God's Word be the life you live.

Benediction

Three-fold Choral Amen

Organ Voluntary

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM The Seventeenth century composer, John Amner was born in Ely and was organist and clergyman at the Cathedral there. The forthright psalm setting, dating from just before the Civil War, combines robust chordal sections with polyphonic passages as are appropriate for the text such as "long suffering and of great goodness."

NEWS AND INTIMATIONS

- 1. FORTHCOMING SERVICES** Continuing throughout August, there will be one Sunday service at 10.15am.
- 2. CONGREGATIONAL PILGRIMAGE – 11 SEPTEMBER** You are warmly invited to be take part in a one-day congregational pilgrimage on **Saturday 11 September**, walking from North Queensferry to Dunfermline Abbey, the first leg of the Fife Pilgrim Way to St Andrews. The full distance is 8.5 miles, but a smaller section is possible of around 3 miles from North Queensferry to Inverkeithing with a train then to Dunfermline, as is simply joining at the Abbey for worship, food and fellowship. All ages and stages are welcome, as would be friends from outwith Mayfield Salisbury. Fuller details to follow soon. If you would like to register now to be a part of the day, please mail David Booth of the Fellowship Committee, indicating too whether you would anticipate walking the full distance, or the shorter three-mile stretch, or joining at the Abbey without walking – booth378@btinternet.com
- 3. WILL RELIEF SCOTLAND** We're happy to be supporting Will Relief Scotland, a campaign that comes into effect every September. Participating solicitors all over Scotland set aside their fees for making or amending a will, and instead accept a donation for their services. That donation goes to four charities: Blythswood Care, EMMS International, MAF and Signpost International. These are four Scottish, Christian charities that have a shared vision to see the lives of people in need touched and transformed across the world.

If you are interested in making or amending your will as part of the campaign, for more information take a leaflet as you leave church, or visit willreliefscotland.org, the Will Relief Scotland Facebook page or phone Mairi who is co-ordinating the campaign on 01349 830777.
- 4. MIDWEEK PRAYERS** You'd be very welcome for prayers and a time for peace and reflection in the church, this Tuesday at 10.00am.

5. **YOUTH NEWS Youth Group - 15 August 7pm** - Tonight we will be having a game night on Zoom to catch up before everyone is back at school! All ages (P6-S6) are welcome to join. For Zoom log-in, please contact Hillary.

Youth Group 22 August 7-9pm - Next Sunday evening, the **S2-S6 group** is invited to join together for a walk up Arthur's Seat. For more information and to sign-up, please contact Hillary.

6. **WOULD YOU LIKE TO WELCOME STUDENTS NEW TO EDINBURGH?** If you would like to (1) be involved in a welcome event at Mayfield Salisbury for new postgraduate students from abroad at the School of Divinity at New College, provisionally on **Thursday 16 September**, and/or (2) potentially become a 'welcome host', please contact Alastair MacGilchrist (a.macgilchrist@gmail.com, **07931 730 805** or in person. This is simply a 'note of interest' rather than a definite commitment at this stage.
7. **SUPPORT MAYFIELD SALISBURY CHURCH** Regular and one-off **donations**, now possible through: www.give.net/20311853
8. **PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER CHAIN** Would you now like to be allocated a visitor or someone to phone you regularly? Are you going into hospital or know of someone who is ill? Do you have anything you would like to be prayed for, or included in the Prayer Chain? Contact Kay: kay@backedge.co.uk / **07903 266307**.

Books for the Journey

Steve Aisthorpe, *Re-Wilding the Church* (2020)

Walter Brueggemann, *Virus as a Summons to Faith* (2020)

Richard Frazer, *A Pilgrim's Journey to Santiago de Compostela* (2019)



Forthcoming Deadlines

Order of service for next week: Thursday at 6.00pm.

Next Grapevine: Friday 27 August at 6.00pm.

Please send submissions to the Church Manager, William Mearns.

Phone: **0780 801 1234** or email: **churchmanager@googlemail.com**

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