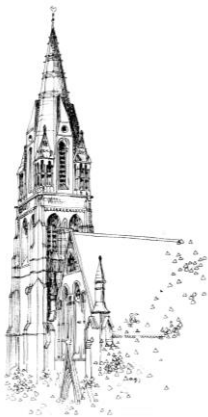


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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



From **Psalm 148** GNV

Praise the LORD from heaven,
you that live in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels,
all his heavenly armies.

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, highest heavens,
and the waters above the sky.

⁹ Praise him, hills and mountains,
fruit trees and forests;

¹⁰ all animals, tame and wild,
reptiles and birds.

¹¹ Praise him, kings and all peoples,
princes and all other rulers;

¹² young women and young men,
old people and children too.

¹³ Let them all praise the name of the LORD!
His name is greater than all others;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

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



Welcome and Introduction - Revd Helen Alexander [Click to view](#)

Good morning to the members and friends of the congregation of Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church, and welcome to this worship online for the 2nd Sunday after Trinity.

Today young people of Mayfield Salisbury join those of us who are older by contributing to our worship in word, art, music and song. It's great to have their presence and enthusiasm and skill we thank them all.

I invite you now to join me in a short period of silence in preparation for worship.

Scripture Sentences

.....thus says the LORD...

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

‘....bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.’

Jesus said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven’

Let us pray

We come with thankful hearts to the Mother and Father of all to offer our gratitude for life, for hope, for grace; for the welcome of loving arms and for quiet whispers of comfort and peace.

We come to speak of our joys, our difficulties and our pains, giving thanks that, as a bird covers its chicks with its wing, so we are held within the tender embrace of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We give thanks that we are invited to worship with the security of confidence that whatever we may have said or done or failed to do and say, we will never be sent away, but are assured of divine kindness, and offered time and opportunity to set things right with those we may have wronged.

We seek continually to be reminded that it is not by our efforts but by grace that we are members of the family of God; that it is not by our achievements that we are given a place in the kingdom of heaven, but that what the Lord requires of us all is to be as little children with open hearts and open minds.

So open our hearts, gracious God;

Soothe and enliven our spirits,

And let us hear what we most need to hear today: your sympathy, your challenge, your blessing and your peace; for your love’s sake.

The Collect

Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer and blessed Spirit of grace, in whom all the nations of the world are one, eternally bless the world-wide children of your love, and bring us to the unity of your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Children’s Reflection - Louisa Anderson

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Hello, I’m Louisa and I’m one of the Sunday School teachers at Mayfield Salisbury and it’s lovely for me to do the Children’s Address today. I hope you are all well. I am missing not seeing you in person during lockdown but I’ll look forward to seeing you virtually or in person sometime soon.

I've been thinking a lot about all the different things that we see during lockdown that we wouldn't ordinarily see or take time to see. Lots of little creatures, lots of big creatures and it reminds me of a hymn that we used to sing at Church when I was young.

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

It's nice to notice different things when we are out playing, or out in the garden or out for one of our daily walks. Shall I show you some of the photographs that I have taken while I have been outside or in the house or out for our walk.



The first one I am going to show you is our cat, Tabitha who's very pleased that we are all at home with her during lockdown. There are lots of knees to sit on and on this one she's sitting on a sun lounger, sunning herself in our back garden. She's very pleased with herself and we realise being at home, how often she spends outside chasing other small creatures.

I have another one here of some lovely bees in the flowers in the garden. One of a



spider's web and if you look at this one it looks like a little hammock



and if it rains it goes more into the shape of the hammock.

I have seen lots of things out on my walk – here's one of snails which have come out during the rain. These might be little creatures but God cares about all creatures no matter what size they are or who they are – he cares about all of us and all of the creatures.



Here are some bigger creatures. Lucy and I went for a walk at Mortonhall and saw some Highland Cows which didn't want to have their photographs taken. Here's one of the horses, again up at Mortonhall. It's very nice



to have a walk there and lots of different things to see, including a squirrel which was a bit frightened and ran up the tree!

When we see these lovely things we know how much God loves them and also we know how much God loves us.

I think that's a good time to sing our song and actions.

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
there's nothing that he cannot do,
The mountains are his, the rivers are his,
The stars are his handiwork too
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
there's nothing that he cannot do.**

Thank you for listening everyone. We are going to finish now with a prayer. This is a repeated prayer where I say a line and you repeat it, not to me but to God. Shall we bow our heads, put our hands together ready for prayer.

**Dear God, we thank you for giving
us this beautiful Earth
We thank you for all the
creatures and people,
Thank you for this time for us
to reflect together
We ask you to save those who are
sad or hurting or lonely today,
We ask you to be with us always
and love us always as you will
Amen**



HYMN 194 This is the day

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The Lord's Day

This is the day,
this is the day that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it
and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day,
this is the day that the Lord has made.

This is the day,
this is the day when he rose again,
when he rose again.

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.

This is the day when he rose again,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day,
this is the day when he rose again.

This is the day,
this is the day when the Spirit came,
when the Spirit came.

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.

This is the day when the Spirit came,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day,
this is the day when the Spirit came.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE SPIRIT OF GOD

First Reading **Genesis 21: 1 – 3, 8 - 21**

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Second Reading **St Matthew 10: 24 - 39**

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Reader:

Cameron Wild-Wood

Reflection

Revd Helen Alexander

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The verses in today's Gospel about divisiveness in families: sons against fathers, daughters against mothers and so on might seem somewhat inappropriate for the 'family service' we're offering today, especially on Father's Day!

So it's important to say at the outset that Jesus' uncompromising words reflect ancient Jewish teaching about the great tribulation, believed to be the precursor of the longed-for consummation of God's purposes in the world. In many ways, Jesus was a Rabbi of his time.

Additionally, along with much in the Gospels, these verses doubtless reflect the persecutory experience of some communities of the early church.

Less drastically, the reality of family division in some shape or form is known to all societies, right up to the present day. Rebellion against the older generation can be part of the process of development and maturation of young people, and usually settles down especially when it's handled lovingly and well.

More potentially problematic is when people form loving relationships and lasting connections with those whose values, religion or cultural and ethnic roots are different from their own. These can sometimes incur lasting opposition from families and communities leading to long-lasting division and heartache.

This is a complex issue for which there are no easy answers. One can hold liberal views when faced with generalities which can then be severely tested when the difficulty comes home to roost. On the other hand, when people are deeply loved and valued, and their happiness and welfare central to all concerned, hitherto keenly felt principles can sometimes be set aside, and everyone presented with an opportunity to grow in tolerance and understanding.

Today's story from the Book of Genesis presents a family difficulty that is held by many to reflect the development of ethnic and religious groupings, not to mention that of nations in the Middle East right up to the present time.

The ancient story of Abraham's son Ishmael, the son of Hagar the household's Egyptian slave, can ring strangely and somewhat unacceptably to the modern ear. Ishmael's disinheritance and his brutal expulsion with his mother to the desert seem even to have flown in the face of ancient Hebrew code of practice in respect of children born to a man whose wife was childless.

However, the point of the story was to highlight the branch of the Abrahamic family that was to develop through Sarah, and whose members were to become the Jewish Chosen People, according to the Covenant on Mount Sinai between God and the Hebrews of the Exodus. ⁽¹⁾

1. Exodus 19: 1 – 8

Yet God's Covenant with Abraham had assured him that he would be "the ancestor of a multitude of nations." (2) We're told that Abraham's progeny increased considerably after the births of Ishmael and Isaac, and that many came to be scattered throughout the ancient Near East (3) forming various tribal groups as they went.

Of all these, the significance of Ishmael is emphasised in the Book of Genesis. Despite his exile from the family home, we're told that God was with him and that he too was destined to found a great nation.

To this day, Arabs trace their lineage from Abraham through Ishmael. While holding much in

common, including the central pillar of monotheism, Muslim/Jewish relations can reflect the divisiveness expressed in the ancient story of Ishmael's expulsion; though of course this tale circulated long before the appearance of Muhammad, the founder of Islam.

While these days Arab nations occupy vast stretches of the Middle East, I can't help thinking of the current ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. I haven't been to Gaza, and I imagine a visit might ever be etched on one's consciousness. However, I do have clear memories of my one and only visit to Israel a few years ago during which I was swiftly, if perfunctorily whisked through the Israeli checkpoint at the wall on the way to Bethlehem, while beside me, a long, dejected queue of Palestinians waited in line to be searched. On a hillside near the Church of the Nativity I watched Israeli bulldozers churning up swathes of country across a valley, clearing land and making roads. My questions led to wary noncommittal on the part of our Arab guide.



Hagar and Ishmael in the Desert
François-Joseph Navez (1787–1869)

1. Genesis 17: 4

3. Genesis 25: 1 – 6

I was in Israel then with a friend whose late husband, a Jew, had arrived in this country from Vienna on the Kindertransport at the beginning of the 2nd World War. We visited one of his relatives and several of the couple's Jewish friends. Their responses to the situation of the Palestinian Arabs ranged from acute distress over Israeli policy and firm commitment to the Peace Movement to a memorable outburst of anxiety and hate from one elderly Jewish inhabitant of Tel Aviv who was convinced that the Arabs of Gaza were bent on murdering them all.

Such intense fearfulness can endlessly perpetuate conflict.

With which we come to contemporary issues of race much nearer home: the aftermath of slavery, colonialism and continuing racial prejudice that is currently dramatically making its presence felt in Britain and the United States of America.

The New Testament accepts the existence of slavery almost as much as the Old, though St Paul's plea for slave and free as well as Jew and Greek ⁽⁴⁾ to be accepted as one in the context of early Christian worship was mind-blowing at its time.

While Paul was no William Wilberforce or latter-day champion of the Black Lives Matter movement, his writing surely encourages openness of mind and heart when it comes to racial and social equality.

In our current times of deep racial tension, surely we need wisdom and sensitivity; an awareness that the past consciously and unconsciously influences attitudes to the present on all sides; willingness of people whose skin is white to put themselves in the shoes of those who are coloured or black; and an understanding of the potential for the mind-set of a mob of any persuasion to destroy possibilities for constructive thought and dialogue.

As someone wrote to me last week "There needs to be a change of heart and a far greater degree of understanding on both sides...."

In the end indeed, despite policies and promises, deeds and declarations, and whatever our religion and the colour of our skin, aren't we all called to look into what the poet WB Yeats expressively called the "rag and bone shop of the heart" and to take seriously what we find there? ⁽⁵⁾.

4. Galatians 3: 28

5. W.B. Yeats *The Circus Animals' Desertion*

RESPONSE TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD WITHIN

Edward MacDowell (1860-1908)

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To A Wild Rose, Edward MacDowell (1860-1908)

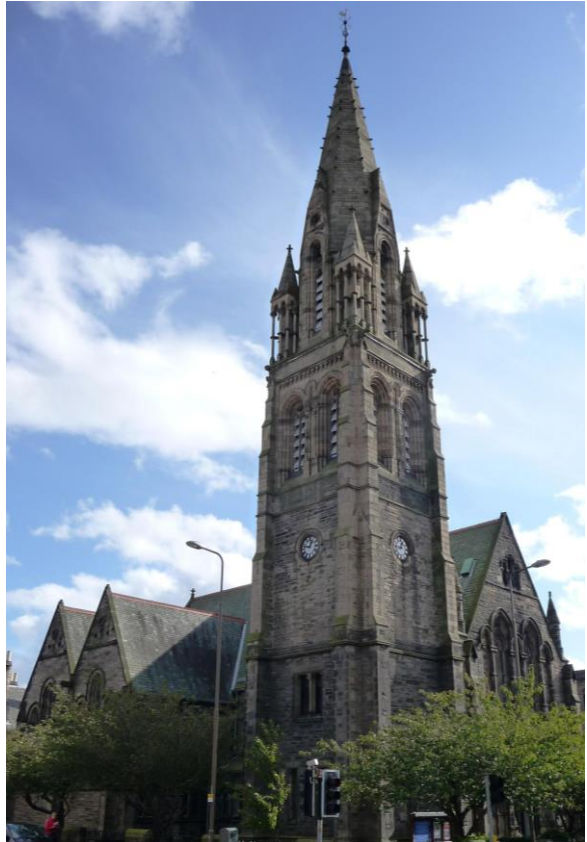
Thanksgiving and Intercession – Hillary Leslie

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Blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hear us now as your people pray:

Thanks be to God for the gift of each new day; for the misty mornings and breezy afternoons; for the blue sky peeking behind rain clouds; for creation that continues to blossom and flourish all around us, renewing our energy and joy.

Thanks be to God for the changing of the seasons that mirror our own life's journey; that even through times of change and uncertainty, the presence of God can be felt moving between us, within us and all around us in the world.



Thanks be to God for time spent with cherished friends and loved ones, whether by video, phone, through emails and letters, or at a distance in the garden. We remember those we haven't been able to connect with but hold in our hearts. May our memories of shared time and moments in community sustain us in this present moment.



Thanks be to God for the young people in our community and this church, who offer their creativity and talents, giving us hope for the future through their leadership and insight.

Thanks be to God on this day when we remember the fathers and father figures in our lives. We give thanks for their love, wisdom, kindness, and the many other attributes they hold in our relationships with them.

We offer our prayers to God for our earth; for her care, restoration and protection, in order to sustain humanity and all other creation. May we learn how to take care of her better by transforming our way of living with greed and consumption to living with love and compassion.

We offer our prayers to God as we remember the nations of the world, for those in position of leadership who are navigating the waters of various crises and pandemics permeating the globe; we pray that they would remember their people who are suffering from economic hardship, racial and gender injustices, lack of healthcare and loss of life.

We offer our prayers to God for those fleeing war, conflict and unsafe situations who seek refuge in our country and elsewhere; for those separated from their families; we pray for their safety whilst traveling, and comfort and care upon arrival in their final destination; we thank those who show love and hospitality to refugees, through their various words and deeds.

We offer our prayers to God as we think of those who are hurting in our communities, and across the world; for those wrestling with fear and

anxiety from the hateful voices of others; We thank the allies and friends and who come alongside those in their pain, offering love, support, and a listening ear.

We offer our prayers to God for those experiencing loss and bereavement; for their families and loved ones facing difficult decisions and circumstances during the pandemic. We give thanks for the doctors, nurses, funeral directors, ministers, pastoral assistants and many others who provide care and support to those grieving.

We offer our prayers to God for those we know and love; for particular people and situations in our own lives we pray for now in silence.....

Guide us, O God, by your Holy Spirit, that all of our prayers and all of our lives may serve your will and show your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN 825 Amen

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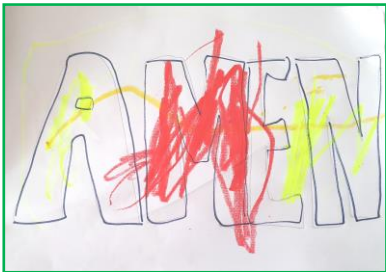
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

BENEDICTION

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Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the Son of peace to you
And the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all.

*****Bonus Video***** - How to mow the church garden lawn in under four minutes! [Click to view](#)



INTIMATIONS

1. **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** Genesis 22: 1 – 14 St Matthew 10: 40 – 42.
2. **ONLINE OFFERING / DONATION** The Church is very grateful to all those who give by standing order enabling us to maintain a large portion of our income through these difficult times. We now offer the ability to contribute to our work electronically through the 'give.net' facility which appears on the home page of the Church's website. This provides the possibility of adding Gift Aid to donations. There is also a direct link to the new system which is: <https://www.give.net/20311853>
With best wishes, Hugh Somerville, Free Will Offerings Treasurer.
3. **GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE** The deadline for the forthcoming *Grapevine* magazine is this **Friday 26 June at 6.00pm**. Please send submissions to: churchmanager@googlemail.com In a change to the usual publishing pattern, this edition will now cover the month of July only with a further publication in August. *William Mearns*
4. **KILOMBERO RICE FROM MALAWI.** I have new stocks of brown And white rice costing £3 /kg bag. For Malawian children 'a bag of rice can change a life' To request your rice contact Jean on 0131 477 6648 or jbleitch@gmail.com Happy to deliver to your doorstep by bike or on foot!
5. **BETHANY UPDATES**
Donations to the Bethany Care Shelter. Bethany are very thankful for all the donations they have received to date. They are no longer in need of food or games but still need the following items if you would like to donate: sleeping bags, men's roll on deodorant and men's razors. Donations have to be taken to the Diadem Centre on Gorgie Road. I can give you the door code if you're planning on taking a donation. Please contact me by email at triciastevenson9@gmail.com

Update on the Bethany Care Van and Care Shelter. Throughout the Covid 19 lockdown, the Bethany Care Van has continued its work of providing food to the most vulnerable people on Edinburgh's streets every evening and five lunchtimes a week. Whilst it hasn't been possible for many of our church volunteers to be part of the teams because of government restrictions, as a church we have still been able to play our part.

Our scheduled runs in the van have continued, thanks to the dedication of Daphne Green who has driven the van and a handful of volunteers 'of

suitable age', several of whom Daphne has recruited to our teams and had officially approved by the Bethany Christian Trust. Many of our regular volunteers have also generously donated food and money to Bethany for their work in the Care Shelter at the Old Waverley Hotel. Not only has the Trust provided hot meals and shelter but, in partnership with Edinburgh Council, have worked to move people on to alternative accommodation.

This shelter will remain open until 15 July. Also, on behalf of the whole church, the Kirk Session has approved a substantial donation to Bethany's work in the city, especially at this time of crisis. Finally, I'd like to pass on to you all a massive thank you from the Bethany Team who greatly appreciate the donations, volunteering and prayers of all who support them in their work.

More details in the next edition of *Grapevine*.

Tricia Stevenson

6. **YOUTH UPDATE**

THANK YOU! Kate and Hillary would like to thank all of our young people who gifted us with their creativity and talents this morning by contributing to the music, artwork and readings; a big thanks to the parents who made this possible by helping with the recordings and corresponding with us. Thank you to Louisa for delivering the children's message, to Eilie Blackwood for her music arrangements and Fiona Noble for helping us distribute them, and to Julie Morrice for contributing her singing to ease the recording process.

Virtual Youth Programming: The *virtual* youth schedule for the month of June can be accessed on the church website under the 'Young People' tab. Please note the time and age group changes for various activities. All youth programming will be held over Zoom. New virtual youth consent forms must be sent to Hillary before attending a session. For log-in access to the Zoom sessions, or to get a copy of the consent forms, please contact Hillary!

Youth Group: Tonight, Sunday 21 June we will be having our end-of-the-year party and wrap-up session. Although we aren't able to have our bonfire this year, we can still pretend we're having some s'mores! Bring along some bonfire-themed snacks to share together as we discuss the past year and look forward to what's next. P6 & P7 from 6:30-7:30pm and S2 - S6 from 7:30-8:30pm. Questions? Contact Hillary at hillary.mayfielDYOUTH@gmail.com

7. **CHRISTIAN AID DEBT JUBILEE PETITION** A huge thank-you to everyone who donated to the recent Christian Aid Week and Coronavirus appeals. Because of the way donations were collected this year, we won't know exactly how much money was contributed by our congregation, but we're sure members will have been as generous as ever. Many of you perhaps felt frustrated at being unable to support the charity in the usual way, so you may be interested to hear of another very worthwhile action you can take.

The coronavirus pandemic is spreading into the poorest countries in the world, where the most vulnerable are falling ill and the economic impacts are leaving people who were already struggling, without a way to feed their families and survive this crisis.

You can help by supporting calls for a debt 'jubilee' – requested by governments of poor and vulnerable countries. This would mean cancelling their debt repayments during this crisis.

Will you call on the Chancellor, Rishi Sunak, to broker a debt relief deal for the poorest countries? To take part, go to the Christian Aid website and follow the links to

www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/debt-jubilee-petition

Thank you! The Christian Aid Team

Forthcoming Deadlines

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

*Next Grapevine: **Friday 26 June at 6.00pm.***

Please send submissions to the Church Manager, William Mearns.

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

Books for the Journey

My Sour-Sweet Days: George Herbert and the Journey of the Soul by Mark Oakley.

Luminaries: Twenty lives that illuminate the Christian Way by Rowan Williams.

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