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**Third Sunday
after the Epiphany**



The Church of Scotland

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Prelude *Praise God ye Christians all together,*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Introit *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

James Montgomery (1771–1854)

Welcome

Call to worship

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. *Psalm 24:1–4*

CH4 622 *We sing a love that sets all people free*

Prayer and Lord's prayer

Talk with children

CH4 174 *God of great and God of small*

Old Testament: *Ecclesiastes 5:13–20*

I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners, or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when they have children there is nothing left for them to inherit. Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart. They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands.

This too is a grievous evil: As everyone comes, so they depart, and what do they gain, since they toil for the wind? All their days they eat in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger. This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labour under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

Gospel *Luke 18:18–30*

A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good – except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false

testimony, honour your father and mother.’ “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

Offering

Music *Air (from Sonata in G*

Georg Friedrich Handel (1685-1789)

CH4 807 (as the offering is brought forward)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayer of dedication

Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple

(Psalm 65: 4)

Lord, we recognise now your true blessings to us all. May we give genuinely as a sign of gratitude in the service of your way of love. We bring our offering now to the Lord. Amen

CH4 175 *Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart*

Sermon

CH4 97 *O God, you search me and you know me*

Anthem *God’s glory fills the heavens with hymns* (Psalm 19). Carl P Daw, Jr (1944–)

Prayers for others

CH4 247 *Moved by the Gospel, let us move*

Blessing & threefold Amen

Postlude

Fugue in C, Johann Sebastian Bach

*Join us upstairs for refreshments
in the Salle Théodore de Bèze!*

Worship leader: Ewart Mackenzie

Welcoming elder: Jane McKenzie

Ushers: Ellen Walker, Robert Walker

Reader: Jane McKenzie

Organ: Rebecca MacDonald

Choir: Páraic Réamonn

Flower rota

If you would like to donate flowers on a particular date (or dates!), please email Rosemary Hill (hillrosemary@yahoo.co.uk) or fill in your name on the sheet in the Salle.

Partage

Collection next Sunday. A list of suitable items can be found at the back of the church together with the crates for your donations. Thank you!



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