



Third Sunday in
Easter

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Prelude *Ashokan Farewell*

Jay Unger (b. 1946)

Introit *Lord have mercy* (CH4 648)

Welcome

Call to worship

Pause at the threshold

of the sacred space:

bow low;

prepare for fresh

encounter

with the Holy One.

(Anne Lewin)

CH4 106 *Bring to the Lord a glad new song!*

(Psalms 149, 150)

Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Children's talk

Hymn *I watch the sunrise*

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,

Casting its shadows near.

And on this morning bright though it be,

I feel those shadows near me.

But you are always close to me

Following all my ways.

May I be always close to you.

Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,

Warming the earth below.

And at the mid-day, life seems to say:

"I feel your brightness near me."

For you are always close to me

Following all my ways.

May I be always close to you.

Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunset fading away,

Lighting the clouds with sleep.

And as the evening closes its eyes,

I feel your presence near me.

For, you are always close to me

Following all my ways.

May I be always close to you.

Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
Waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest –
Only your peace is near me.
Yes, you are always close to me
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you.
Following all your ways, Lord.

(John Glynn)

Psalm 107:1–7, 35–37

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble

and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.

And there he lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in;

they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield.

CH4 96 *You are before me, God, you are behind* (Psalm 139. Tune *Highland Cathedral*)

New Testament *Philippians 1:3–11*

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you

with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Offering *On the banks of Allan Water* (18th-century Scottish melody, arr. Brian Hughes)

CH4 807 (as the offering is brought forward)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayer of dedication

God the eternal

the refuge and help of all your children

in our weakness you are our strength

in our darkness you are our light

in our sorrow your comfort and peace

we cannot number your blessings

we cannot declare your love

for all your goodness we bless you

may we ever live in your presence

and love the things you love

and serve you with the service of our daily lives

through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

(St Boniface, c. 672–754)

CH4 485 *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

Sermon

CH4 19 *Ye gates lift up your heads on high!*

The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Song Georgina Cofie

Hymn *I cannot tell why he whom angels worship*

1 I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the
wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethl’em’s manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is
come.

2 I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

3 I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in
splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is
known.

4 I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav’n, and heav’n to earth, will
answer,
“At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is
King!” (William Young Fullerton, 1857–1932)

We sing

*May the God of peace go with us
as we travel from this place;
may the love of Jesus keep us
firm in hope and full of grace (CH4 786)*

Benediction & threefold Amen

Postlude *An Irish Blessing*

Traditional, arr. James E Moore

Farewell to Stromness

Peter Maxwell Davies (1934-2016)

We’re no awa’ tae bide awa’

(We’re not parting to stay apart)

Welcoming elder Christine Buhler
Ushers Georgina Cofie, Arthur Griffith
Reader Rosaleen Walker
Organ & piano Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Bagpipes & bassoon Kathryn Watson
Flute Judith Peacock
Horn Luke Watson
Solo Georgina Cofie
Viola Elsa Watson
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, the Geneva Foodbank Collection on the first Sunday each month. A list of suitable items can be found at the back of the church.

May 6, 20, & June 3, 19h30

Discipleship in Practice

International Presbytery online Bible study

To join, email dlloyd@churchofscotland.org.uk

May 8-11, Cursillo weekend, Le Cénacle, Promenade Charles-Martin 17, Geneva 1208.

See <https://bit.ly/3F6URDy> and (to apply)

<https://bit.ly/3Xt5IOl>

June 1, Preacher, Rev Graham Austin (Rotterdam), followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting.



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