

ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



What is your excess baggage?

'One thing you lack: go, sell everything you have, and give to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; and come, follow me.

(Mark 10: 21)

Order of Service
10th October 2021
10.30am

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<https://www.facebook.com/stninianschurch/>



Good morning and welcome to everyone who has joined us on-line at St. Ninian's this morning. We hope you will enjoy our worship of God together today. As a congregation our mission is to, **'Worship God together, encourage personal faith and prayer, spread the Good News about Jesus Christ, and love and care for others in our community.'**

Sunday morning worship is held in the sanctuary at 10:30, and online on Facebook and YouTube:

<https://www.facebook.com/stninianschurch/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW-OUJ0F3JLO9vUD7KYMffA>

The minister leading worship this morning is **Rev. James Aitken**. The organist (and pianist for the online service) is **Anne Kirkpatrick**.

In the sanctuary, please wear a face covering and follow the directions of the stewards. If you would like to stay for tea and coffee after the service, please let a steward know when you sign-in.

St. Ninian's uses the Revised Common Lectionary is an approved week-by-week three-year cycle of biblical readings. The readings lead us from Advent through the Christian year, the Bible, and Jesus' life through birth, baptism, his public ministry, his death, resurrection and ascension.

ENTRANCE

WELCOME, INTIMATIONS and SHARING OF THE PEACE
We welcome one another with Christ's words 'Peace be with you'.

APPROACH TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 509 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me'.

As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more'.

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these'.

Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Saviour, make us hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

PRAYERS OF APPROACH, 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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10: 17 – 31

(New Revised Standard Version)

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' ²⁰He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It 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.' ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' ²⁸Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' ²⁹Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions - and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

SCRIPTURE: Amos 5: 6 – 7, 10 – 15 (New revised Standard Version)

⁶ Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷ Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰ They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹ Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins -
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³ Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵ Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

HYMN 245 It's a world of sunshine, a world of rain

It's a world of sunshine, a world of rain;
it's a world of laughter, a world of pain;
it's a world we must share, where we must learn to care,
for the world belongs to God.

*This is God's world after all,
this is God's world after all,
this is God's world after all,
Yes, it's God's good world.*

It's a world of plenty, a world of need;
it's a world of love, and a world of greed;
it's a world we must share, where we must learn to care,
for the world belongs to God.

Chorus

It's a world of water, a world of drought;
it's a world of faith, and a world of doubt;
it's a world we must share, where we must learn to care,
for the world belongs to God.

Chorus

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

HYMN 621 Spirit of Jesus, if I love my neighbour

Spirit of Jesus, if I love my neighbour
out of my knowledge, leisure, power or wealth,
help me to understand the shame and anger:
of helplessness that hates my power to help.

And if, when I have answered need with kindness,
my neighbour rises, wakened from despair,
keep me from flinching when the cry for justice
requires of me the changes that I fear.

If I am hugging safety or possessions,
uncurl my spirit, as your love prevails,
to join my neighbours, work for liberation,
and find my freedom at the mark of nails.

OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Freely given, our offering supports the work of Christ's church and symbolises our spiritual dedication to the growing of the Kingdom of God.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING and INTERCESSION

We give thanks for our blessings, and cry out for help for others and ourselves.

SENDING OUT

HYMN 252

As a fire is meant for burning

A fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame
so the Church is meant for mission
giving glory to God's name.
Preaching Christ, and not our customs,
let us build a bridge of care
joining hands across the nations
finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we will show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we will live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
is a sign of life renewed
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many-hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone
so may we reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

BENEDICTION

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**