

# Order of Joint Service Balerno Parish Church with Currie Kirk

5<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
10.00 am

Worship led by: Rev Dr's Anne Logan, André J Groenewald,  
Easter Smart

## Call to worship:

Rev Dr Easter Smart

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- To all who are weary and seek rest,
  - To all who mourn and long for comfort,
  - To all who struggle and desire love,
  - To all who are burdened and needing a Saviour,
  - To all who are isolated and want fellowship,
  - To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
  - To all the children,
  - To everyone whom the Lord have called.....
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***You are invited to join us through ZOOM for tea and coffee after the service.***

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# **Welcome & Announcements**

Rev Dr Easter Smart

## **Let us worship God:**

### **Worshipping God Together**

#### **Opening prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev Dr Easter Smart

Holy God we thank you that you receive us,  
Not according to our own failing goodness  
But according to your overflowing grace  
You receive us as we are  
In Jesus, you show us what we can be.

We thank you that we can find rest in you,  
Secure amidst the confusion and conflict of life  
You care for us, you provide for our needs,  
And you have trusted us to care for one another.

Forgive our human reliance upon power  
Help us to choose bread over weapons and fairness over greed  
Help us to see life as you can help us to see, from a heavenly perspective.  
Help us to offer up our burdens to you, for you lighten our load.

Help us to receive with humility and to give with joy  
Help us to share our life with one another, even in such strange times  
Help us to live for today without fear for tomorrow

In Christ you came to share in our human life  
To share our human sufferings and through the cross,  
To reconcile us to your love  
And so we ask, sweep over us with your Spirit  
Change us by your love  
That even in such times as these, we may sing with joy before you  
And live confidently and compassionately to your glory in the world.

Hear us now as we share the prayer Christ taught us to pray.

**ALL:**        *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, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.*

## **Hymn 465 vs 1,3 & 5    Be thou my vision**

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower  
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power  
High King of Heaven, after victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

Mary Byrne 1880-1931/Eleanor Hull 1860-1935

## **Reflecting on God's Word**

Reading: **Matthew 11 : 16-19 & 25-30**

Susan Webber

<sup>6</sup> 'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others:

<sup>17</sup> "'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon." <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.'

## **25-30**

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup> 'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

<sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

## **Sermon**

Rev Dr Anne Logan

## **Responding to God's word**

Our offerings are given for the ministry and mission of the church while the Balerno choir sings "Meekness and majesty".

## **Prayer of thanksgiving**

Rev Dr André Groenewald

### **Hymn 167 vs 1,2 & 3 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak, but thou art mighty  
Hold me with thy powerful hand  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven  
Feed me till my want is o'er  
Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer  
Be thou still my strength and shield  
When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side!  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee

William Williams, 1717-91

## **Blessing**

Rev Dr André Groenewald



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