



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Pentecost 23

Sunday 1 November 2015

11:00 a.m.



You are very welcome to Ferryhill Parish Church.

Please sit wherever you like. If you are visiting then please sign the visitors' book in the foyer. Children are always welcome and the foyer is available during the service should you wish to use it.

Today's worship is led by:

Peter Johnston (Minister)

Grace Baxter (Reader)

Kevin Haggart (Organist)

Ian Stage (Beadle)

The flowers in the sanctuary have been donated this week by Margaret Emslie.



Children can go to Sunday Club on arrival

Gathering Song

Bind us together, Lord

MP 54

*Bind us together, Lord bind us together  
with cords that cannot be broken.*

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,  
O bind us together with love.*

1. There is only one God.  
There is only one King.  
There is only one body;  
that is why we sing.  
*Bind us together, Lord...*
2. Made for the glory of God,  
Purchased by his precious Son.  
Born with the right to be clean,  
for Jesus the victory has won.  
*Bind us together, Lord...*
3. You are the family of God.  
You are the promise divine.  
You are God's chosen desire.  
You are the glorious new wine.  
*Bind us together, Lord...*

Call to Worship

Leader:

Come:

**All:**

**to the God whose yoke is easy  
and whose burden is light.**

Leader:

Come:

**All:**

**to the God who listens  
and whose compassion never fails.**

Leader: Come:  
**All: to the God who is great in wisdom  
and whose reign is marked by humble service.**

Leader: Come:  
**All: for he is our God  
and we will worship him forever.**

Praise Here in this place CH 623

Welcome and Church Notices

Opening Prayer

Reading I Kings, chapter 12, verses 1-17 & 25-29

Stolen Dreams

Offering Praise Women and men as God intended Words: John L. Bell  
Tune: Komt nu met sang

1. Women and men as God intended,  
daughters of Adam, sons of Eve;  
children of earth, loved by their Maker,  
those only heaven could conceive;  
yet in our loving we are not one  
with heaven's deep intent:  
we are not as God meant.
2. Ours is the shame, ours is the story,  
ours is a squandered legacy;  
fallen from grace, fearful of glory,  
lost is our true humanity.  
How can the goodness heaven endowed  
which earth cannot afford  
be once again restored?

3. Into our world, born of a woman  
comes, in the flesh, the living God;  
Moved by our plight, suffering rejection,  
feeling for those whose lives are flawed,  
pardoning all who truly repent  
comes Jesus Christ our Lord,  
God's liberating Word.
4. Now sing aloud! Jesus our brother  
turns every tide of history,  
sharing our flesh, bearing our sorrow,  
winning an endless liberty.  
Out of the grave, alive in the world,  
Christ wills all be made new;  
this tested Word is true.

## Act of Dedication

God who has given us enough and so much more,  
show us how to use your gifts in serving others.  
May we not hold back,  
knowing that in our giving and offering of ourselves  
we walk in the footsteps of the one  
who gave himself for us  
and find life in all its fullness. Amen.

## Message

Divided Times, Divided Stories

## Statement of Faith

Please stand if you are able

We believe in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is love.  
We praise God the Father:  
who created the universe and keeps it in being.  
He who made us his sons and daughters to share his joy,  
living together in justice and peace,  
caring for his world and for each other.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son:  
born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
he became one of us, sharing our life and our death.  
He made known God's compassion and mercy,  
giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin,  
offering healing and wholeness to all.  
By his death on the cross and by his resurrection,  
he has triumphed over evil.  
Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.

We trust God the Holy Spirit:  
who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church;  
who brings us to repentance and assures us of forgiveness.  
The Spirit guides us in our understanding of the bible,  
renews us in the sacraments,  
and calls us to serve God in the world.

We rejoice in the gift of eternal life:  
we have sure and certain hope  
of resurrection through Christ,  
and we look for his coming again to judge the world.  
Then all things will be made new;  
and creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father,  
through the Son, in the power of the Spirit,  
one God, blessed for ever.  
Amen.

## Prayer for Others and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us the wrong we have done,  
as we forgive those who have wronged us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## The Invitation

Praise

Ye gates, lift up your heads

CH 19

## The Story

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Sanctus and Benedictus

**All: 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.**

## Ascription of Glory

**All: Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
almighty Father, now and forever.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Praise

Among us and before us

Words: John L. Bell  
Tune: highland Cathedral



1. Among us and before us, Lord, you stand  
with arms outstretched and bread and wine at hand.  
Confronting those unworthy of a crumb,  
you ask that to your table we should come.
2. Who dare say No, when such is your resolve  
our worst to witness, suffer and absolve,  
our best to raise in lives by God forgiven,  
our souls to fill on earth with food from heaven?
3. Who dare say No, when such is your intent  
to love the selves we famish and resent,  
to cradle our uncertainties and fear,  
to kindle hope as you in faith draw near?
4. Who dare say No, when such is your request  
that each around your table should be guest,  
that here the ancient word should live as new  
Take, eat and drink – all this is meant for you?
5. No more we hesitate and wonder why;  
no more we stand indifferent, scared or shy.  
Your invitation leads us to say Yes,  
to meet you where you nourish, heal and bless.

The Peace of Christ

Prayer

Praise

**I have a dream**

**CH 710**

The Sending

Sung Amen



## This Week's Eco Fact

### Help hedgehogs on Bonfire Night

Every year, hedgehogs and other wildlife suffer terrible injuries and often die when we light bonfires where they've gone to sleep. Help protect them by lifting the base of the bonfire with a broom and shining a torch to check underneath. Find out more from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society.



## Contacts

Please contact the Minister, Rev Peter Johnston, for information about Church Membership, Baptism, or being married in Church, or complete one of the cards available in the Hymn Book and hand it in as you leave.

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