



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Epiphany I  
Sunday 10 January 2016  
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)  
Rita King (Reader)  
Kevin Haggart (Organist)  
Noel Hughson (Beadle)

The flowers in the sanctuary have been donated this week by Hazel Low.



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| Gathering Song             | We are here to praise you  | CH 802 |
| Call to Worship            |  |        |
| Leader:                    | In our journeying,   |        |
| <b>All:</b>                | <b>do we give up,<br/>resigning our discipleship<br/>into a resignation to worship the old?</b>  |        |
| Leader:                    | God calls, again and again,  |        |
| <b>All:</b>                | <b>'Come with me,<br/>give up your blindness, look and see,<br/>find a new vision, follow me,<br/>and I will lead you home.'</b>   |        |
| Praise                     | Jesus calls us here to meet him  | CH 510 |
| Welcome and Church Notices |  |        |
| Opening Prayer             |  |        |
| Reading                    | Mark, chapter 2, verses 1-22   |        |
| Old and New                |  |        |
| The Offering               |  |        |
| Offering Praise            | <p>○ God of life, your healing touch<br/>Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette<br/>Tune: Dominus Regit Me (CH 462)</p> <p>I. ○ God of life, your healing touch<br/>brings wholeness and salvation!<br/>In you, this world you love so much<br/>becomes a new creation.</p> |        |

2. Through Jesus Christ you blessed the poor,  
unleashed your gifts of healing.  
You gave new sight, new strength, new life—  
to all, your love revealing.
3. O Christ, the loving healer still,  
you gather us for mission  
to serve your people who are ill,  
whatever their condition.
4. You send us to the suffering  
with medicine and caring;  
now make our lives an offering  
to those who are despairing.
5. Lord, by your Spirit, may we hear  
the truth of others' stories.  
May we respect their doubts and fears,  
their hopes and dreams, their worries.
6. And when their ways are not our own,  
Lord, give us understanding:  
our faith cannot be fully grown  
when we are too unbending.
7. How long, Lord, shall we serve the poor—  
a week, a month, a season?  
We ask the question, hoping for  
a limit to our mission.
8. But open wide our hearts anew  
and show us, as we're giving,  
your life-long call to serving you  
in daily, generous living.

## Act of Dedication

Holy God,  
may all that we offer to you this day  
of ourselves and of our worldly goods,  
be used for your purpose.  
May we each play our part  
in providing for those in need  
of healing, guidance or renewal.  
Amen.

## Message

Taste and See

## 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.

## The Invitation

Praise

Ye gates, lift up your heads

CH 19

Preparation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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.**

## 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.

## Breaking of the Bread

## The Peace of Christ

## Prayer

## Praise

Love divine

CH 519

## The Sending

## Sung Amen



1. **The Cosy House** meets this evening in the foyer and Large Hall for all young people in Primary 6 to Secondary 6, 6:30 p.m.
2. **Bikeathon:** Fancy a challenge this winter? Join us Saturday as we embark on our 24-hour journey! Churches across the presbytery are participating in the Malawi Partnership Committee's fundraising challenge to cycle the distance from Aberdeen to Blantyre City in Malawi, a little over 12,000 miles. The presbytery as a whole is being challenged to cycle that same distance. The purpose of this challenge is to raise some funds to support the poor rural churches and communities in the villages around Blantyre City. At Ferryhill we are involved with the aim of contributing at least 1,000 miles to the grand total through sponsorship, individual contributions and the 24 hour challenge.  
Our 24 hours starts Saturday at noon and will finish on Sunday at noon. Whether you bike a few miles, sponsor a biker or just cheer others on, do support this worthwhile cause!
3. **Evening Communion:** Join us in the Memorial Chapel on Sunday 17th January at 6:00 p.m. for a time of reflection and Holy Communion.
4. **The next meeting of the Kirk Session** will be Thursday 21st January at 7:15 p.m. in the Foyer.
5. **New Elders:** We invite church members to propose the names of those they think should be considered for this office within the church. Names should be submitted to the Session Clerk, Lorna Glen, in confidence, during December and early January. It would be helpful to have a short rationale for your suggestion included and please note that an elder needs to be a church member.
6. **Minister's Email Change:** Please note that from January all email correspondence with Peter relating to church business must be through the official Church of Scotland email address. This is to comply with data protection guidance within the Church of Scotland. Please update your email address books to add [pjohnston@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:pjohnston@churchofscotland.org.uk).
7. **Traidcraft Stall:** Stop by to see what's available in the stall today!



## This Week's Eco Fact

### **Making sandwiches for lunch?**

What's better for the environment, aluminium foil or clingfilm? Sadly, both require a huge amount of energy and resources in their production. So use your loaf, and wrap your sandwich in compostable greaseproof paper or a reusable container instead.



## 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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