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FERINTOSH PARISH CHURCH

WORSHIP AT HOME



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God's purpose for my life is that I have a passion for God's glory and that I have a passion for my joy in that glory, and that these two are one passion. (Jonathan Edwards)

HYMN

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord.....

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord.....

PRAYER

Our gracious God and heavenly Father, we thank you that you are our Father, that you know us through-and-through and that your word is able, first to find us and then to speak to us and then to transform us. We pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit this book that we read will live for us today in the grace and through the teaching of our Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ and so we come to you, our eyes are upon you, our hearts are full of affection for you, our wills bowed before you and we say to you, Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening. This we pray in Jesus our Saviour's name. Amen.



SCRIPTURE READING EPHESIANS 6: 10 - 20

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the [a]wiles of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [b]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

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 and ever. Amen.*

SERMON

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints" (v18 NIV).

God knows what we need before we ask Him, and in His providence, He meets those needs. Yet, if God knows what we need, why do we pray? To understand the relationship between God's providence and prayer, we must have a right understanding of prayer. While God certainly knows what we need and the desires of our hearts, He calls us to verbalise our needs to Him. The reason He does this is not because He needs to be nudged out of some slumber to act on our behalf, but because prayer benefits us and deepens our dependence on Him.

A.W. Pink said, "Prayer is not designed for the furnishing of God with the knowledge of what we need, but it is designed as a confession to Him of our sense of need." Calvin explained that the Lord instructs His people to pray, "for He ordained it not so much for His own sake as for ours. Now He wills ... that His due be rendered to Him.... But the profit of this sacrifice also, by which He is worshiped, returns to us."

In prayer we acknowledge our dependence on the Lord and give Him His due glory. Often in the Psalms, David speaks of God's great works to Him. God obviously knows what He has accomplished, but by telling God of His glorious deeds, David strengthens His relationship with the Lord and worships Him in truth.

Prayer is effective in our lives because God has chosen to use it as a means to bring about His purposes. Therefore, it is important to know how to pray properly. Prayer should include adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. We should not pray in a manner that does not glorify God, where we lack concentration, or praying against the Law of God, and going beyond the limits of what we should ask. We should pray according to God's will in all things and allow the scriptures to guide and limit our prayers. This is why it is important to know God's Word and be directed by His Spirit when we come before God in prayer.

God gloriously brings about His eternal purposes through the prayers of His people. Prayer changes people and events (James 5:17-18) and stirs the hearts of God's people (Luke 18:2-6; 22:44). Prayer never changes God's mind, but it plays an important part in His providential plan for His creation (James 5:16).

From your knowledge of Scripture, list the benefits and obligations of prayer. Look up prayer in your concordance or cross references to help you. Do you pray with adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication? Strive to pray in a complete manner before God and always keep in mind God's purposes in prayer.

HYMN

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One
give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong!'
Let the poor say, 'I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!'
And now let the weak say, 'I am strong!'
Let the poor say, 'I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!'

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
We give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks.

PRAYER

Our heavenly Father, truly all blessings come from you. We thank you that in Jesus Christ, you have filled us with blessings: the knowledge of the Lord, peace, the forgiveness of our sins, the transformation of our lives, a taste and indeed desire for the words that come to us from your mouth in the pages of Scripture. We thank you for the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ who has opened our eyes to see our need of Him and His all-sufficiency to be our Saviour here and hereafter. And we thank you for the way in which He has brought us to you so that we come to you as children to their heavenly Father. Lord, as you speak to us, make us conscious of how great your love for us is and so we look to you to lead us and to teach us from your word. We pray this in Jesus our Saviour's name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all this day and forevermore, Amen.



WORSHIP

Sunday Church services are at 11am and 12.15pm (if required). Seating in the Church is limited to comply with current guidelines. To attend you must contact the Session Clerk, Martin McLauchlan, by Friday at 5pm prior to the service to book a place.

To book, either visit the church website, and complete and submit the online booking form at: ferintoshparishchurch.org.uk/booking or email the Session Clerk at SessionClerk@ferintoshparishchurch.org.uk and he will send you a link to the Booking Form for you to complete and submit. If you do not have access to the Internet, phone him on 01349 830303 and leave your name and phone number and he will get back to you as soon as he can to take your details.

The Sunday Zoom service is at 6.30pm. If you would like to join the Zoom-service, please contact the Session Clerk at SessionClerk@ferintoshparishchurch.org.uk

Please continue to take care and stay safe.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK

Your donations are still urgently required to help the most vulnerable in our local area. Donations can be placed in the container in the vestibule as you enter the Church.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The next meeting of the Ladies Bible Study will take place on Wednesday 16th June when we will begin Study Two of The Creed entitled "I believe Jesus is God". Please meet at the Church at 1.30pm when we will decide on meeting outdoors or indoors depending on weather conditions. Look forward to seeing you then.