

**Cruden Parish Church of Scotland
Fifth Sunday of Easter
10.00am, Sunday 2nd May 2021**



Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.
(Romans 12:1)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Like the sun that warms and energises our world
Like the water that refreshes and teems within your creation
And like the soil and love from, which we are made
Your presence sustains and undergirds all that is.

Move our hearts.

Move our hands and feet.

Move us to be the people needed,
in this time, in this place.

Holy One, in this time of worship reveal your presence.
Move our hearts and our souls.

Let us worship God!

Hymn Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation!

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation!
Praise God my soul for in him are your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; into his presence draw near,
praise him in glad adoration!

- 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things is wondrously reigning;
shields you from harm and is gently yet firmly sustaining.
Have you not seen how your hearts wishes have been,
met by God's wise ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;
Ponder anew what the almighty can do:
God will for ever befriend you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breadth, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again:
Gladly for ever adore him.

Prayers of Approach & 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 our sins
as we forgive those who sin against 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***

Bible Readings

Psalm 100 A psalm for giving grateful praise.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

***Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.***

Know that the LORD is God.

***It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.***

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations,
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Romans 12:1-8 A Living Sacrifice

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Sermon: 'Gratitude!'



Doxology (Hymn 807)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Church News

Prayers of Dedication & Intercession

Hymn 180 Give thanks with a grateful heart

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
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Give thanks

Dismissal & Blessing

My friends in Christ, this service has come to an end.
As you journey into the week ahead

May the Lord shower his blessings and favour upon you.
Amen

May the Lord give you a glimpse of the kingdom
a foretaste, a hint, a promise.
Amen

May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days
until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom.
Amen

Go now in peace.
May the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit
Be with you all forever more.
Amen



Cruden Parish Church News

Although the church is now open, Covid restrictions are still in place. We appreciate your support in maintaining social distancing, the wearing of facemasks, no singing, and sitting in the marked spaces. Also, a special thanks to our volunteers on door duty and providing an enhanced cleaning regime. The service will also be broadcast live via the Facebook Page and be available for later viewing. If you would like a copy of the Order of Service, which includes the words of the readings, hymns, intimations etc., please contact Sean.

Songs of Praise Service

As we are unable to sing in church, we will be having an online song of praise' of service at 6.30 pm, Sunday 30th May (Pentecost Sunday). Please let Sean or Robert know your favourite hymn choices.

Walking for health and well-being

The group meets a week on Tuesday 11th May, at 10.00 am outside the St Olaf hotel. New walkers always welcome.

Pastoral Care

Sean will be away next week on holiday. If you need the help of a minister, please contact Ms Ali MacLeod, tel. 01771 622992 mobile: 07821 670705

Kirk Session

Meets Thursday 13th May at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

Fitness at Cruden

Our local fitness group – run by the minister! – restarts on Wednesday 19th May at 7.00 pm, in Mill Park. All ages (16+) and abilities welcome! More details from Sean.