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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Our service today is led by Rev. Liz Kay**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**HYMN CH4 189** : Be still for the presence of the Lord

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here ;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear :  
in him no sin is found —  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around ;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned :  
how awesome is the sight —  
our radiant king of light !  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place ;  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace :  
no work too hard for him —  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

David J. Evans (b.1957)

**TALK**

**Opening prayer and Lord's Prayer**

## **HYMN CH4 93** : Let us with a gladsome mind

- 1 Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord, for he is kind :  
*For his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*
- 2 Let us blaze his name abroad,  
for of gods he is the God :
- 3 He, with all-commanding might,  
the new-made world with light :
- 4 He his chosen race did bless  
in the wasteful wilderness :
- 5 All things living he doth feed ;  
his full hand supplies their need :
- 6 Let us then with gladsome mind  
praise the Lord, for he is kind :

From Psalm 136 : John Milton (1608 – 1674)

### **Introduction to sermon**

### **Old Testament - Isaiah 43: 1-7**

#### **God Promises to Rescue His People**

Israel, the Lord who created you says, “Do not be afraid—I will save you. I have called you by name—you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned; the hard trials that come will not hurt you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel, who saves you. I will give up Egypt to set you free; I will give up Ethiopia and Seba.

<sup>4</sup>I will give up whole nations to save your life, because you are precious to me and because I love you and give you honour.

<sup>5</sup>Do not be afraid—I am with you! “From the distant east and the farthest west I will bring your people home. /

<sup>6</sup> I will tell the north to let them go and the south not to hold them back.  
Let my people return from distant lands, from every part of the world.  
<sup>7</sup> They are my own people, and I created them to bring me glory.”

## **Sermon : Part 1**

### **HYMN CH4 191 : Do not be afraid**

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name ; you are mine.*

- 1 When you walk through the waters I'll be with you,  
you will never sink beneath the waves.
- 2 When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames.
- 3 When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.
- 4 When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes.
- 5 You are mine, O my child ; I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.

Gerald Markland (b.1953)

## **Epistle – Romans 6: 1-11**

### **Dead to Sin but Alive in Union with Christ**

What shall we say, then? Should we continue to live in sin so that God's grace will increase? <sup>2</sup> Certainly not! We have died to sin—how then can we go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> For surely you know that when we were baptized into union with Christ Jesus, we were baptized into union with his death. <sup>4</sup> By our baptism, then, we were buried with him and shared his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life. /

<sup>5</sup> For since we have become one with him in dying as he did, in the same way we shall be one with him by being raised to life as he was. <sup>6</sup> And we know that our old being has been put to death with Christ on his cross, in order that the power of the sinful self might be destroyed, so that we should no longer be the slaves of sin.

<sup>7</sup> For when we die, we are set free from the power of sin. <sup>8</sup> Since we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that Christ has been raised from death and will never die again—death will no longer rule over him. <sup>10</sup> And so, because he died, sin has no power over him; and now he lives his life in fellowship with God. <sup>11</sup> In the same way you are to think of yourselves as dead, so far as sin is concerned, but living in fellowship with God through Christ Jesus.

## **Sermon : Part 2**

### **HYMN CH4 188 : Thou hidden love of god (St Petersburg)**

- 1           Thou hidden Love of God, whose height,  
              whose depth unfathomed, no one knows,  
              I see from far thy beauteous light,  
              inly I sigh for thy repose ;  
              my heart is pained, nor can it be  
              at rest till it finds rest in thee.
  
- 2           Thy secret voice invites me still  
              the sweetness of thy yoke to prove ;  
              and fain I would ; but, though my will  
              seem fixed, yet wide my passions rove ;  
              yet hindrances strew all the way ;  
              I aim at thee, yet from thee stray.
  
- 3           'Tis mercy all, that thou hast brought  
              my mind to seek her peace in thee ;  
              yet, while I seek but find thee not,  
              no peace my wandering soul shall see.  
              Oh, when shall all my wanderings end,  
              and all my steps to thee-ward tend ?

4                   Is there a thing beneath the sun  
                      that strives with thee my heart to share ?  
                      Ah ! tear it thence, and reign alone,  
                      the Lord of every motion there ;  
                      then shall my heart from earth be free,  
                      when it has found repose in thee.

Gerhard Tersteegen (1697–1769) trans. John Wesley (1703–1791)

### **Gospel – Luke 3 : 15-22**

<sup>15</sup> People's hopes began to rise, and they began to wonder whether John perhaps might be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> So John said to all of them, "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> He has his winnowing shovel with him, to thresh out all the grain and gather the wheat into his barn; but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out."

<sup>18</sup> In many different ways John preached the Good News to the people and urged them to change their ways. <sup>19</sup> But John reprimanded Governor Herod, because he had married Herodias, his brother's wife, and had done many other evil things. <sup>20</sup> Then Herod did an even worse thing by putting John in prison.

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>21</sup> After all the people had been baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you."

**Sermon : Part 3 (moment for reflection)**

**Prayer including dedication of offering**

**HYMN CH4 336** : Christ is our light (Highland Cathedral)

- 1 Christ is our light! the bright and morning star  
covering with radiance all from near and far.  
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray  
into our hearts, into our world today.
  
- 2 Christ is our love! baptized that we may know  
the love of God among us, swooping low.  
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face  
and see in you the light of heaven's embrace.
  
- 3 Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!  
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.  
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,  
as your disciples did in Galilee.

Leith Fisher (b1941)

**Benediction and three-fold AMEN**

**Please come and join us for tea and coffee in the hall**

## Family news

- **TEA BREAK** every Sunday in St James hall, Fort Street.  
Come and enjoy coffee, tea , scones and cakes from 1.30pm to 4pm. Donations will go to local charities.

**Tuesday 14 January, 2pm** : Service in Shiell Court

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**Wednesday 15 January, 12 noon – 2pm** **Café** at Barnhill St. Margaret's.

**Thursday 16 January, 9 am – 11 am Pram Pushers followed by 11am – 3pm**, Warm Spot @St James. Hot drinks, hot soup, warm place and a warm welcome. Free.

**Flowers in church** : We all appreciate the lovely flowers in church each week, and sometimes benefit by receiving a bouquet ourselves. This doesn't happen by accident and there are a number of ways that you can help. If you have even a passable acquaintance with flower arranging, you would be very welcome on the Flower team itself; otherwise you can help by either helping deliver the flowers each Sunday [there are usually two bunches each week] or donating money to help offset the cost.

There is a flower calendar at the main door in BSM where you can put your name against a particular week. Some do this at an anniversary of some special occasion – happy and sad – or just whenever might suit. If you can help with this, please bring your donation to the Office, or put it in the plate in an envelope marked 'Flower donation'

**Foodbank donations:** The Foodbank total for BFPC in 2024 was 1268.1kg of which Barnhill St Margaret's donated 1094kg! A huge thank you to the congregation of BSM and to all those of you for collecting the items from the church and delivering them to the Foodbank. It is very much appreciated.

**Recycle your stamps** : In 2023-24 the Church of Scotland has donated over £18,000 to charitable projects through recycling stamps. We have been part of this success and you can be too! Please recycle your stamps (allowing a border of 8mm/1/4in when cutting from an envelope) and place them in the bag outside the office. Thank you from the Eco-congregation group."

### **Forthcoming events:**

**Tuesday 21 January, 2pm** : **Broughty Ferry Guild** meet at Barnhill St Margaret's. The talk this week is on 'The history of the Whitehall Theatre'.

**Wednesday 22 January, 10 am - 12 noon** **Coffee and chat** at Barnhill St. Margaret's.

**Saturday 25 January 10am** : **St Aidan's Green Graveyard. RSPB annual garden birdwatch.** Be part of this annual event and count with others. Alternatively, pick an hour that weekend and count birds wherever you are.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm** : BFPC St James. Let's get cooking Tickets £4 This time we will be cooking chicken curry and sticky rice, as well as a quiz and other activities.