

Cruden Parish Church of Scotland
Third Sunday of Easter
10.00am, Sunday 18th April 2021



Things beyond our seeing, things beyond our hearing, things beyond our imagining,
have all been prepared by God for those who love him.
(1 Corinthians 2:9 NREB)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Come, you who thirst for grace.

Come, you who hunger for justice.

Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.

Come, you who are like a child at home.

Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time and place.

We have come to worship God.

Then let us worship together the God of grace and love.

Hymn: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord (MP 30)

*Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia,
give praise to His Name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation.

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen.
3. We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live forever.
4. God has proclaimed the just reward,
life for all men, alleluia.
5. Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour:

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 121 - A song of ascents.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

***My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.***

He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
***indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.***

The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
***the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.***

The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
***the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.***

John 14:1-14

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the Way to the Father

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Sermon – ‘Blessed participation – the hope of heaven!’

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 Intercession

Hymn : When the trumpet of the Lord (MP 759)

1. When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,
and the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;
when the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

*When the roll is called up yonder,
when the roll is called up yonder,
when the roll is called up yonder,
when the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.*

2. On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,
and the glory of his resurrection share;
when his chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.
3. Let us labour for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,
let us talk of all his wondrous love and care;
then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Dismissal

My friends in Christ,
this service has come to an end.
See how much God loves us:
we have hope in Christ.
that frees us,
heals us,
reshapes us.
Go in and into that good news:
For we are God's children.

Blessing

May the mystery of Christ's resurrection bring new hope to your being.
May the victory over earthly death turn your eyes to the promises of heaven.
May the empty tomb help you to leave your sorrows at the foot of the cross,
so that God's hope, promises and forgiveness reign in your life forever.

And 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 this Tuesday 20th April, at 10.00 am outside the St Olaf hotel. Everybody welcome, including hounds with well-behaved owners!

Pastoral Care

Please advise the minister if you know of anybody would appreciate a pastoral phone call. Sean can be contacted on 07791 755976 or sswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk

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 for Sean.