

This is for those listening and sharing this service on-line. You might like to print this out beforehand.

Imagine you are in Glenorchy church and it is Sunday February 21, 2021 – but you can listen and share in this short recorded service at any time. Please sit comfortably and feel that you are ready to worship God.

Welcome to our on-line service, reflecting on our belief that Jesus, having faced temptation, can strengthen us in our own lives at this unusual time.

There will be three hymns – the words are printed on this service sheet mostly as they are in Rejoice and Sing; occasionally the recorded singers use different words or miss out a verse.

So let us worship God in the name and spirit of Jesus, called Emmanuel, God with us.

Our opening hymn, a prayer to the Blessed Trinity, refers to Jesus' experience in the desert. (R&S 543)

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know,
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

(*'dreary' here has its older meaning, 'sad'*)

James Edmeston, 1791-1867

Now let us pray together.

(The prayers will conclude with the Lord's Prayer in the traditional form)

At this point in the service we would have brought up the offertory* and we shall offer a prayer.

Now we shall listen for God's word in a reading from Luke's Gospel:

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. (Luke 4, vv1-13)

The sermon: [*the text is available on the website here*](#)

Our next hymn continues the theme – Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. (*R&S 373, omit v2*)

1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
you are one with us, Mary's Son,
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
born as one of us, Mary's Son
led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free;
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.

3 Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
live my life for you, Son of God;
all your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new;
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Patrick Appleford 1925 - 2018

Now we offer our prayers for others with the refrain
'Father God, bless those for whom we pray, in the name of Christ Jesus, Amen.'

(After these prayers you are invited to pause the recording for a few minutes of quiet reflection and prayer.)

Our final, foot-tapping, hymn is also by Patrick Appleford; it invites us to follow Christ's way. (*R&S 90*)

1 O LORD, all the world belongs to you
and you are always making all things new
What is wrong you forgive
and the new life you give
is what's turning the world upside down.

2 The world's only loving to its friends
but your way of loving never ends
loving enemies too;
and this loving with you
is what's turning the world upside down.

3 The world lies divided and apart
you draw us together, and we start
in your body to see
that in fellowship we
can be turning the world upside down.

4 The world wants the wealth to live in state,
but you show a new way to be great
like a servant you came,
and if we do the same,
we'll be turning the world upside down

5 O Lord, all the world belongs to you
and you are always making all things new.
Send your Spirit on all
in your church whom you call
to be turning the world upside down

Patrick Appleford 1925 - 2018

The blessing

*Thanks for sharing in this service – remember we are still the church even when denied use of our building.
But, as though we were leaving the Glenorchy building, let's listen to the late Chris Trinder playing us out.*

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