

St Andrews on Zoom

19th September 2021 – Sky Sunday – Pentecost 17

Today's service is led by Kezia, Jasper, Riah, Fionnaigh & Ellen

PRELUDE **Sonata for Royal Trumpet**

by José Lidón (1748 – 1827)

**Recorded this week on the (virtual) 1732 organ
in Ebersmünster Abbey, France*

WELCOME

GATHERING

Welcome!

We worship this Sunday with the skies.

We celebrate with the clouds, the winds, the
dusk and the dawn.

We listen to the sounds of sky proclaiming
God's presence.

We are in awe before the vast reaches of
space above us.

We thank God for the fragile piece of stardust
we call Earth.

HYMN AA 155 'Where mountains rise'

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1. Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.
2. Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

PRAYER

Kezia Ross

The Beauty of Nature

Walter Rauschenbusch

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase

Eternal Spirit

***Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
loving God, in whom is heaven:***

the hallowing of your name

echo through the universe!

***The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!***

Your heavenly will be done

by all created beings!

***Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.***

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

***In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.***

***In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.***

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory

of the power that is love, now and for ever.

Amen.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE ADULTS

BLESSING PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

We are blessed to have people of all ages in
our midst. We are all special parts of this
community.

We bless each other. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 19.1-6

Marilyn Wallace

Contemporary reading

Jasper Ross

The First Rub of Dawn by Roger McGough

(Text on page 3)

RESPONSE

For the Word in scripture,
for the Word among us,
for the Word within us,
we give thanks.

REFLECTION

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Prelude in A, BWV 536

by J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

**Recorded this week on the (virtual) 1730 organ
in Waltershausen, Germany*

HYMN AA 85 'Let Justice Roll Down'

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Refrain:

***Let justice roll down like a river,
let justice flow down to the sea;
let justice roll down like a river
let justice begin through me.***

1. Justice for all who go hungry,
crying to God to be fed,
left in a world of abundance
to beg for a morsel of bread.

Refrain

2. Justice for those who are homeless,
victims of war or of need,
trapped on the borders of nowhere,
lost in the canyons of greed.

Refrain

3. Justice for all who are powerless,
yearning for freedom in vain,
plundered and robbed of their birth-right,
silently bearing their pain.

Refrain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Catriona Cairns

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

We hold all refugees in our hearts. We pray in particular for those detained for many years in Papua New Guinea & Nauru. We give thanks for the recent progress and pray that their calls for justice might continue to find a compassionate response.

In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Angela Roberts and Hon Eugenie Sage, list MPs.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

***Renew your people, God,
And renew our life in this place.
Give us a new spirit of unity
with all who follow the Way of Jesus
and new bonds of love
with people of other faiths.***

***Bless the city in which we live
that it may be a place
where honest dealing,
good government,
the desire for beauty,
and the care for others flourish.***

***Bless this church
that what we know of your will
may become what we do,
and what we believe
the strong impulse
of our worship and work.
Amen***

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune

by C.S. Lang

(born in Hastings in 1891, died in 1971)

**Recorded this week on the (virtual) 1892/2005
organ in Hereford Cathedral, England*

THANK YOU

Bruce Cash

our musician today

**All the organ music was recorded at home
this week by our musician today, Bruce
Cash, on a digital organ. Enhanced with
the computer programme Hauptwerk, this
recreates the original sounds of specific
historical organs, resounding in their
churches.*

*Prelude: Recorded this week on the (virtual)
1732 organ in Ebersmünster, France*

*Music for Reflection: 1730 organ in
Waltershausen, Germany*

*Postlude: 1892/2005 organ in Hereford
Cathedral, England*

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Words to the readings-

Psalm 19

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of
God;
and the skies proclaim God's handiwork.
² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
³ There is no speech, nor are there
words;
their voice is not heard;
⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the
earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens God has set a tent for the
sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from
his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course
with joy.
⁶ Its rising is from the end of the
heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

The First Rub of Dawn –
Roger McGough

Glimpsed through the night
Is the glimmer of day
Light is but darkness
Worn away