

# Church of Scotland - Viewpark Parish Church

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

## Morning Worship

online at: [www.viewparkparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.viewparkparishchurch.org.uk)

### *Welcome & Intimations*

### *Preparatory silence before worship*

### Gathering song

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore you,  
Hope of a life spent with you.  
*So here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that you're my God:  
you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above,  
humbly you came to the earth you created,  
all for love's sake became poor. *So here I am . . .*

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### Prayer

#### JP 178: O happy day

O happy day that fixed my choice  
On You, my Saviour and my God!  
Well may this grateful heart rejoice  
And tell of Christ's redeeming blood.  
*O happy day, O happy day,  
When Jesus washed my sins away,  
He taught me how to watch and pray,  
And live rejoicing ev'ry day (Hallelujah!)  
O happy day, O happy day,  
When Jesus washed my sins away*

It's done, the great transaction's done!  
I am the Lord's, and He is mine;  
He led me, and I followed on  
Responding to the voice divine. *O happy day . . .*

Now rest, my long-divided heart,  
In Jesus Christ who loves you, rest  
And never from your Lord depart –  
Enriched in Him, by Him possessed! *O happy day . . .*

So God, who heard my solemn vow,  
In daily prayer shall hear my voice  
Till in my final breath I bow  
And bless the day that fixed my choice. *O happy day . . .*

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## Children's Talk

### Hymn: Shine Jesus shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance,  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me. © 1987 Make Way Music

## Prayer

### Hymn: For all that you have done for us

Your grace will never be forgot  
Your mercy all my life  
Will be my source forever song  
My story and my light

From mountain top to valley low  
through laughter and through tears  
Surely the goodness of my God  
Will follow all the years

*For all that You have done for us  
for every battle won  
We'll raise a song to bless Your heart  
For all that you have done.*

You know our failures and regrets  
You always led us home  
Redemption's arm has raised us up  
Our triumph in the storm  
*For all that You have done for us . . .*

In unity we'll stand as one  
As family we'll go  
Shoulder to shoulder  
Hand in hand  
Into the great unknown  
*For all that You have done for us . . .*

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## **Sermon**

### **Hymn: There is a hope**

There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for every passing day;  
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
Yet drives all doubt away:  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n;  
and Christ in me, the hope of heaven!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
to make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
A consolation strong against despair,  
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Saviour there!  
Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
He whispers, "Courage!" in my ear.  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
When I behold His face!  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
and every longing satisfied,  
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home.

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## Prayer

### Hymn: The Spirit lives to set us free

The Spirit lives to set us free,  
walk, walk in the light.  
He binds us all in unity,  
walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk in the light, walk in the light,  
walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,  
walk, walk in the light.  
The dead were wakened by his call,  
walk, walk in the light. *Walk in the light . . .*

He died in pain on Calvary,  
walk, walk in the light,  
to save the lost like you and me,  
walk, walk in the light. *Walk in the light . . .*

We know his death was not the end,  
walk, walk in the light.  
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,  
walk, walk, in the light. *Walk in the light . . .*

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
walk, walk in the light.  
The Father's kindness is revealed,  
walk, walk in the light. *Walk in the light . . .*

The Spirit lives in you and me,  
walk, walk, in the light.  
His light will shine for all to see,  
walk, walk in the light. *Walk in the light . . .*

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## Benediction

### Sung Blessing

Praise the Father Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of glory Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings. **(Repeat)**

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*May God bless you abundantly  
today and in the year ahead.*

# Daily Bible Readings



Fri	Jan-01	Psalm 16
Sat	Jan-02	Ephesians 1:1-14
Sun	Jan-03	Ephesians 4:1-16
Mon	Jan-04	Job 38:1-18
Tue	Jan-05	Isaiah 43:1-13
Wed	Jan-06	Matthew 2:1-12
Thu	Jan-07	Isaiah 43:14-28
Fri	Jan-08	Isaiah 46:3-13
Sat	Jan-09	Mark 1:1-11
Sun	Jan-10	Psalm 29