

Sunday Service for 14 June 2020 A

World Church Celebration

St Peter's Peebles and St Andrew's Innerleithen

Welcome everyone. Today we celebrate the life and mission of the worldwide Church, the disciples of Jesus in every continent and community.

Let us praise God in our opening hymn "Let all the World in Every Corner Sing"

To hear a sung version click on this link:

<https://youtu.be/8XBJYphWv4g>

God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

(screen slide)

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A prayer for racial justice and harmony *written this week by the Very Rev Andrew Nunn, dean of Southwark Cathedral*

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God of all, who loves each of us for who we are, to whom each life matters, who counts the hairs of our head, who knows when a sparrow falls; teach us to love as you love, to respect, to honour, to care and to protect each of our sisters and brothers, that your embracing, including kingdom may come now, and your love be known by all, everywhere. **Amen.**

Hymn: Rage, Wisdom, and our lives inflame

Here is a recording from St Mary's Cathedral Glasgow for those unable to join us:

<https://thecathedral.bandcamp.com/track/rage-wisdom-and-our-lives-inflame-veni-creator>

Collect for World Church Sunday: *(screen)*

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island, in every town and community. **Amen.**

Readings:

The first reading is read by Margaret Jamie from St Peter's congregation

Romans 5.1-8

Today's Gospel reading *read by Eileen Fletcher from St Peter's congregation*

Alleluia, alleluia, hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to Christ our Saviour. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Matthew 9.35-10.8

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Hymn. As a fire is meant for burning

<https://youtu.be/DVPMNXIW9dw>

Conversation with Mission Partners Steve and Catriona Bennett

Emma Herd will host the conversation.

Intercessions

Our intercessions this week have been prepared by Helen and Mani Maniam of St Andrew's congregation

Let us pray

Let us hear from Psalm 34

I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the Lord; Let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me and let us extol his name together.

Loving Heavenly Father, we thank you that we have come together in your name this morning and that you are with us. Thank you for the gift of technology which will allow 1000's of people throughout the world to join in worship in this manner. We pray especially for those who are unable to join in with this and we ask you that as they seek you alone in their homes that you will draw very near to them.

We thank and praise you for your Church worldwide, and we pray for clergy, lay people, missionaries and all who are seeking today to bring the Gospel of the Good News of Jesus to people everywhere.

We think of the recent events in the USA, and pray that you will enable Christians all over the world to engage effectively in the struggle for Racial Justice in Christ's name.

We thank you for the freedom which we enjoy here to worship you and share your love with others. Our hearts go out in prayer to the millions of people around the world who are disowned by their families, beaten, imprisoned and even threatened with death simply because they have openly put their trust in you. Please Lord give them the courage, strength and faith to carry on. We thank you for organisations like Open Doors who fearlessly support many such people.

As we continue to live with the Covid-19 around us, we thank you that many people are turning to prayer. Here in our local communities we want to thank you for all the love, kindness and care shown by many volunteers in lots of different ways.

Let's have a few moments now while we each pray silently for family, friends, neighbours and anyone known to us who is in particular need of prayer, that they may find comfort and peace.

Thank you Lord for the safe arrival of Andrew and Margaret in Peebles. We pray that they will feel welcome among us despite this difficult time of social isolation.. We ask that you will be very close to Andrew and guide him as he prepares to commence his ministry among us in these strange and unusual circumstances.

And now to Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Saviour, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, now and for evermore. **Amen**

Caribbean Lord's Prayer

Blessing of Steve and Catriona

Eileen Fletcher and Sylvia Butler to say short prayers.

Blessing (*Cedric*)

God the Sender, send us. God the Sent, come with us. God the Strengtheners of those who go, empower us, that we may accompany you and find those who will call you Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Song "May the God of peace go with us"

Giving to St Peter's and St Andrews

For those who would like to make a gift to St Peter's please contact Judy Cameron for details of various ways you can contribute.

For those who would like to make a gift to St Andrew's please contact Jane Sargent for details of various ways you can contribute.

Thank you so much to all those who have been able to maintain their regular standing orders as a means of giving towards God's mission.