

**Worship Outline**  
**April 14 2024**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**

**THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN**

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*Italics* – leader; **Bold** - congregation

Welcome and Announcements, Land Acknowledgement

Affirming Statement:

**ALL: As an Affirming Ministry we boldly declare that we fully welcome and include the full participation of all people in the life and work of Ministry as we journey together, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, marital status, mental or physical ability, beliefs, cultural backgrounds, or economic circumstance. We are dedicated to being good stewards of God's world, working and living towards justice and wholeness for all God's people.**

Candle lighting

Gathering Words

ONE: *What of the Gospel can heal us?*

*In times of sickness and sorrow,*

**ALL: What does it mean to be made well?**

ONE: *Finding ease in the creatureliness of our bodies,*

**ALL: We live our questions with our lives.**

ONE: *Treasuring our interdependence,*

**ALL: We live our questions with our lives.**

ONE: *Holding both beauty and grief as sacred,*

**ALL: We live our questions with our lives.**

ONE: *Let us worship God, who accompanies us in our questions*

**ALL: And lures us towards collective flourishing.**

Opening Prayer

*Beloved One, you. Invite us to bring the entirety of who we are into your care. In our fullness, our complexity, even in our messiest state, you declare us your delight. May we learn to trust in this love, faithful and everlasting. Amen.*

Hymn:

VU 409 "Morning Has Broken"

*(Words: Eleanor Farjeon 1931; Music: Gaelic melody, harm. Alec Wyton,*

*Words UBP of David Higham Associates*

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- 1 **Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
- 2 **Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**
- 3 **Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!**

Faith Focus: Father? Mother? Parent? Gender?

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7 *We are children of God*  
 Luke 24:36b-48 *Jesus invites the disciples to touch his hands and feet*

ONE: *These are ancient descriptions of Spirit's movements for the church today*

**ALL: Let us give thanks!**

Reflection: Speed Hides Need

Hymn: MV 157 "I Am a Child of God"

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1. **I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.  
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.**
2. **I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation,  
I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.**
3. **I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation,  
I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.**
4. **I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication,  
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.**
5. **I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation,  
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.**

Prayers of the People and The Disciple's Prayer

*... all this we pray, remembering the prayer which Jesus taught to the disciples,*

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
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 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.**

Offering

Hymn: VU 542 “We Give You But Your Own”

*(Words: William Walsham How 1858, alt.  
Music: Johann Balthasar Konig 1738 adapt. William Henry Havergal 1847  
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**We give you but your own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is yours alone,  
we give it gratefully.**

Offertory Prayer

Hymn: MV 171 “Christ Has No Body Now but Yours”

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**Refrain: Christ has no body now but yours,  
no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth,  
yours is the work,  
to serve with the joy of compassion.**

1. **No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,  
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,  
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope  
of the people of God. R**
  
2. **No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,  
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;  
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy  
of the city of God. R**
  
3. **No feet but yours to journey with the poor,  
to walk this world with mercy and justice.  
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace  
for the children of God. R**
  
4. **Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need:  
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,  
with ev'ry gift a benediction, be  
to the people of God. R**

Sending Forth/Benediction

Hymn:

MV 8 "And on This Path"

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from Ancient Songs Sung Anew, the Psalms as Poetry. UBP.*

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1. **And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide, (3X)  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!**
  
2. **So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide, (3X)  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!**

*(Gathering Words and opening prayer adapted from Enfleshed.)*