

19 April 2026  
Easter Three

**THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN**

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Centring, Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: Holy One, as we gather this morning to worship you,  
May we speak truth,

**All: So that our words may give grace to those who hear.**

One: May we pray in faith,

**All: So that our words may give grace to those who hear.**

One: May we sing with joy,

**All: So that our words may give grace to those who hear.**

One: May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,

**All: So that Your words may give grace to us who hear. Amen.**

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.**

Hymn:

VU 229 "God of the Sparrow"

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- 1. God of the sparrow,  
God of the whale,  
God of the swirling stars.  
How does the creature say Awe?  
How does the creature say Praise?**

2. God of the earthquake,  
God of the storm,  
God of the trumpet blast.  
How does the creature cry Woe?  
How does the creature cry Save?
3. God of the rainbow,  
God of the cross,  
God of the empty grave.  
How does the creature say Grace?  
How does the creature say Thanks?
4. God of the hungry,  
God of the sick,  
God of the prodigal.  
How does the creature say Care?  
How does the creature say Life?
5. God of the neighbour,  
God of the foe,  
God of the pruning hook.  
How does the creature say Love?  
How does the creature say Peace?
6. God of the ages,  
God near at hand,  
God of the loving heart.  
How do your children say Joy?  
How do your children say Home?

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**All: Thanks be to God**

Hymn:

MV 171 "Christ Has No Body Now but Yours"

*(Words: Adapted by Stephen C. Warner, 2003, from St. Teresa of Avila*

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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

Sermon: Peter Sinclair, Executive Director of Loaves and Fishes

Hymn: VU 701 "What Does the Lord Require of You"

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1. What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?
2. Justice, kindness,  
walk humbly with your God
3. To seek justice, and love kindness,  
And walk humbly with your God.

Affirmation of faith

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
It sounds like welcome and feels like home.  
It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.  
It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,  
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**I have seen it alive in the world.  
And even when my heart aches,  
even when wars rage,  
even when mercy feels out of reach,  
I remember the one who welcomed the children  
and led with nonviolence.  
I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable  
and inspired those around him.**

**I remember that the good news really is good news,  
for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Offering

Offering Hymn: MV 182 "Grateful"

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**Grateful for the life you give us,  
thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,  
O God of Love.**

**Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing,  
we will praise you.**

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**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 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 testing, 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 forever. Amen.

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

Hymn: MV 209 "Go, Make a Diff'rence"

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**Refrain:**      **Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.  
Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

1.      **We are the salt of the earth,  
called to let the people see  
the love of God for you and me.  
We are the light of the world,  
not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.      R**
  
2.      **We are the hands of Christ  
reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope;  
we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.      R**
  
3.      **So let your love shine on,  
let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ  
will be with us as we go.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.      R**

Commissioning and Benediction

One: As you leave this place,  
when you meet anger, speak with love.  
When you meet fear, speak with hope.  
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.  
But no matter what, speak this good news.

**All: For the good news of the gospel is  
love and justice for all.  
It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms.**

One: The good news of the gospel is alive in the world,  
so go forth speaking.  
For if you won't, then who will?

**All: Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen**