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Remembrance Sunday

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Centring and Land Acknowledgement

Centring Hymn: "O Let Us Breathe"

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1. Oh, let us breathe, breathe and be together,
breathe and be together, together now.
Oh, let us breathe, breathe and be together,
breathe and be together, as if we knew how.

2. Oh, let us sing, sing by heart together,
sing by heart together, together now.
Oh, let us sing, sing by heart together,
sing by heart together, as if we knew how.

3. Oh, let us arise, arise and shine together,
arise and shine together, together now.
Oh, let us arise, arise and shine together,
arise and shine together, as if we knew how.

4. Oh, let us pray, pray for peace together,
pray for peace together, together now.
Oh, let us pray, pray for peace together,
pray for peace together, as if we knew how.

5. Oh, let us live, live in love together,
live in love together, together now.
Oh, let us live, live in love together,
live in love together, as if we knew how.

Opening Prayer

One: God of all creation, who cannot be contained by our boundaries,
by our definitions –

All: light from beyond the galaxies, sea without
a farther shore –you are present in every place,
in every moment in history.

One: You are here and now. Help us to know
that those from whom we are separated in death –
by its long silence, its aching absence –
are each of them in your presence;

All: that beyond our horizons, beyond our boundaries,
beyond our understanding, they are held in your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 238 "How Great Thou Art" (verses 1 and 2)

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1. O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder,
consider all
the works Thy hands have made;
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed.

<u>Refrain:</u>
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee,
how great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!

2. **When through the woods,**
and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down,
from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze. **R**

A Call to Remembrance
*When you hear the words "**we will remember**" please respond with the same phrase*

*When you hear the words **"God have mercy",** please respond with the same phrase*

Poem: In Flanders Field

Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross" (verses 1 and 4)

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1. **On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,**
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

<u>Refrain</u>:
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

4. **To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,**
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. **R**

Words of Remembrance
One: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
All: **Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.**
One: At the going down of the sun and in the morning.
All: **We will remember them.**
One: Please stand, if you are able, as we hold two minutes
of reverent silence to remember

Two minutes of silence

Words of Remembrance

One: Eternal rest grant unto them, O God, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

All: May the souls of the righteous,
through your great mercy, rest in peace. Amen.

Shining the Light of Christ in a World of Conflict

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: VU 331 "The Church's One Foundation" (verses 1, 3 and 4)

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1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.

3. Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Matthew 23:1-12

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection Rev Katherine Brittain

Hymn: VU 651 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" (verses 1-3)

(Words: Welsh, William Williams 1745
trans. Peter Williams & William Williams 1771
French trans. Flossette du Pasquier 1951; Music: John Hughes 1905, Public Domain)

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2 **Open now the crystal fountain,**
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 **When I tread the verge of Jordan,**
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Affirmation of Faith – A New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

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Invitation to Offering

Offering Hymn: "His Eye is On the Sparrow"

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1. Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely And long for Heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;

<u>Refrain</u>:
I sing because I'm happy (I'm happy),
I sing because I'm free (I'm free),
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

2. "Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me; R

3. Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, From care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me; R

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 test, strengthen us.
From trial 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: "Bringing in the Sheaves" (verses 1-3)

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1. Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noon–tide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

<u>Refrain</u>:
Bringing in the sheaves,
bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing,
bringing in the sheaves, (2X)

2. Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labour ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

3. Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Commissioning and Benediction