

Prayers before the Service: *Lord Jesus Christ, help us to glimpse today, through all we share, more of what you have done for us, to appreciate all that it cost you and to respond with thankful hearts, and lives consecrated to your service. In your name we pray. Amen.*

Sunday 18th March 2018

Welcome & Family News

MP 564 *Praise to the Lord*

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Reading Mark 15: 21 - 32 (Page 1023)

Hymn (see over) *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

Reading Mark 15: 33 - 47 (Page 1023)

Hymn (see over) *Christ be our light*

Sermon

Offering – Doxology MP 755 v 4 *When I survey*

Intercessory Prayer – Mrs Vivian Rodgers

MP 536 *On a hill far away*

Benediction

Reader this morning is: Mr Fraser Murray

If you are a Visitor we are delighted to have you with us and hope you enjoy our fellowship. As you leave, please sign the Visitor's Book in the main vestibule.

Welcoming you this morning is: Mr F Stevenson, Mrs H Stevenson, Mrs A McGeachin, Mrs A Roche, Mr F Murray, Mr B Yates & Mrs J Howie.

If you know of any member of the Congregation ill at home or in hospital, please see an Elder or the Minister.

Flowers in Church today were donated by
Mrs Klimkowski
(25th Mar: *Mrs Moira Copeland*)

Flower Distributor 25th Mar: Mrs Shearing
(*Distributor 1st Apr: Mrs Drysdale*)

Men's Guild: meet on **Monday 19th March** from 7 – 9.30pm for a Games Night.

Auld Kirk Lunches: **Tuesday 20th March at 12 noon** with Judy Robertson's team. Please come along for some homemade soup, filled rolls and home baking.

Auld Kirk Guild: will close this session on **Wednesday 28th March at 2pm** with their AGM.

Duncan / Morrow Prayer Group: will meet before the Service next week, **25th March at 10.15am** in the Vestry.

Finance Committee Mtg: will be held on **Monday 19th March at 7.15pm.** Collation of OSCAR Accounts will also take place. There will be no Finance Meeting prior to Management Group on 27th March.

The Auld Kirk of Ayr
(St. John the Baptist)

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There's a wideness in God's mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in His justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the grasp of mortal mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple,
We would take Him at His word;
And our lives be filled with glory
from the glory of the Lord.

Christ be our Light

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ be our light!

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Christ is our light! ...

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Christ is our light! ...

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! ...

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Minister
Alan G Templeton LTCL
Organist