

Shotts: Calderhead Erskine Parish Church

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5th Sunday after Easter, 17th May 2020

Hymns, Readings, Prayers and Reflections for you at home



**God, who commanded light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts,
to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of
Jesus Christ**
– 2. Cor. 4:6

CH 425 The Saviour died but rose again

Prayers of Approach & Lord's Prayer

John 21: 15-25

Reflection: Grace Alone

Praise 504 Mercy in our time of failure

1 Corinthians 15: 1-22, 57-58

Reflection: Because He lives...

Prayers for ourselves and others

MP 54 Blessed Assurance

May God's blessing surround you this day

**What we say & sing with our lips
may we believe in our hearts
and practise in our lives.**

May God's blessing surround you this day,
as you trust Him & walk in His way.
May His presence within
guard & keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

- 1. The Saviour died but rose again**
triumphant from the grave;
& pleads our cause at God's right hand,
omnipotent to save.
2. Who then can e'er divide us more
from Jesus and His love,
or break the sacred chain that binds
the earth to heaven above.

3. Let troubles rise, & terrors frown,
and days of darkness fall;
through Him all dangers we'll defy,
& more than conquer all.
4. Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell,
nor time's destroying sway,
can e'er efface us from His heart,
or make His love decay.
5. Each future period that will bless,
as it has blessed the past:
He loved us from the first of time,
He loves us to the last.
.. Scottish Paraphrases 1781 Romans 8:34 to end

- 1. Mercy in our time of failure,**
grace to help in our time of need:
this sure promise of our Saviour
is a word that we may plead.
2. He has passed into the heavens;
He is seated on the throne,
ever for us interceding,
always caring for His own.
3. There is none He will not welcome,
no request He cannot meet;
let us not be slow to ask Him,
lay our burdens at His feet.
4. We can never come too often,
never with a need too great,
never with a prayer too simple;
only fear to come too late!
5. Daily on our pilgrim journey
praise Him for His matchless grace,
live for His immortal glory
till in heaven we see His face.

All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
so thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all His love.

When we grow tired of trying to do what is
right, Lord: **Help us to make a fresh start.**
When a friendship or relationship is broken,
Lord: **Help us to make a fresh start.**
When we have stopped telling others of your
love, Lord: **Help us to make a fresh start.**
When our faith in You grows weak, Lord;
Help us to make a fresh start.

Gracious God,
we try so hard to put the past behind us,
. to let go and start again,
but all too often mistakes we imagined long
.. buried return to haunt us.
We do our best to make amends
. but there are times when
even if we can learn to live with the wounds,
others can't, scars running deep
. & hurts hard to forget.

But You
are always ready to offer us a new beginning,
no matters how foolish we have been
or how many opportunities we have wasted.
Whatever we may have done,
You grant us free & total forgiveness,
a new page on which to start a fresh chapter.
The past is done with, the future before us –
and nothing can ever change that.
Thank you, Lord,
and lead us forward
In the name of Christ, our Saviour. AMEN

*Lord Jesus,
We pray that we might meet you more deeply
in this time of trial. Keep us close to You.
We pray for the bereaved, those living with
illness and those caring for them, for the tired
and lonely, the anxious and the frightened.
For those serving us sacrificially, those making
key decisions and for Your Church.
Lord, have mercy,
bring peace and healing
and take us through this time of trial.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.*

HEART & SOUL 2020 You can watch this
event live on the Church of Scotland
website or on the Church of Scotland's
Facebook page this afternoon 2.00-4.10pm

**Ecumenical Prayer: you are invited to join
together in prayer every Sunday at 7pm.
A joint prayer for this week is on the
Church of Scotland website.**

1. **God sent His Son**, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal & forgive;
He lived & died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is to there
to prove my Saviour lives.
*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
because He lives all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future,
& life is worth the living
just because He lives.*
2. How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days
because He lives.
3. And then one day, I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory
and I'll know He lives.

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