

Shotts: Calderhead Erskine Parish Church

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Sunday 16th August 2020

Reflections & Prayers for Shotts at 11.00 & Allanton at 12.30
and for you at home



Help us so to know You that we may truly love You; and so to love You that we may fully serve You, whose service is perfect freedom” Augustine of Hippo 354-530

Notices and Welcome

Call to Worship:

Let us worship the Father from who every family in heaven & earth takes its name:

He pays attention with open ears & eyes

Let us worship God with thanksgiving:

He knows our inmost thoughts.

Let us bring to God the needs of the world:

He is ready & willing to act, to bring justice & love to all in need.

Let us worship the one God through Jesus Christ the Son & by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Introduction to Paul's Prayer:

Ephesians 3: 14-21 (see below & say together but change “you” to “me” or “us”)

MP 162 From Heaven You came

Ephesians 4: 1-6

Reflection Amen....So What, Then?

Prayers of Thanks & asking Help to see with God's eyes (After “*Living God*”, all say “**teach us to see with Your eyes**” and for ourselves & others(incl. words below)

MP 449 Love divine

Shared blessing (MP 460):

1. **From heaven You came**, helpless babe, entered our world, Your glory veiled, not to be served but to serve, & give Your life that we might live.
This our God, the Servant King,

*He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King*

2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load, He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
“Yet not my will but Yours,” He said.
This is my God...

3. Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.
This is our God...

4. So let us learn how to serve
& in our lives enthrone Him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.
This is our God....

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1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down:
fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as Thy hosts above,
pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory
in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in Thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

***Eternal God and Father,
You create us by Your power
and redeem us by Your love:
guide & strengthen us
by Your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves
in love & service,
to one another & to You;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

Ephesians 3: 14-21

I kneel before the Father from whom every family on heaven & earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches, He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

& I pray that you, being rooted & established in love, may have power, together with all God's holy people, to grasp how wide & long & high & deep is the love of Christ, & to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is all to do immeasurably more than all we ask for or imagine according to His power that is at work within us; to Him be glory in the church & in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever & ever. Amen.

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

A Prayer to See (& live) with God's eyes:

Living God,
all-knowing, all-powerful, all-seeing;
ever-active & present in our world,
help us to capture some of your wonder,
to glimpse something of Your greatness,
to see that our small horizons are not the last word. Living God,
teach us to see with Your eyes.

Enable us to see life from Your perspective
. With all its opportunities, potential,
.. goodness, & beauty. Living God,
teach us to see with Your eyes.

Show us that where we see no future
.. Your promise continues,
. where we see only obstacles,
. You have planned the way through;
. where we see only our limitations
. You see opportunities,
where we see despair, You see hope;
.. where we see division,
.... You work towards reconciliation;
. & where we see sorrow,
. You are longing to bring joy. Living God,
.. **teach us to see with Your eyes.**

Give us the courage to dream dreams,
. to have a vision of the future,
. for ourselves, Your local church,
our local community and for all the world .
Living God, **teach us to see with Your eyes**
.. **and to live in the light of Your love,** .
. **for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.** .
..... **Amen.**

Jesus, walk with each one of us
as we go from this place & time of worship.
.. Guide our steps; may they be true.
. May we walk only in Your way.
As You have blessed us,
. so may we be a blessing to others.
Make us channels of Your love & peace.

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.