Shotts: Calderhead Erskine Parish Church

A registered Scottish Charity no: SC006538

Sunday after Ascension

16th May 2021, 11.00am at Shotts & 12.30pm at Allanton & for those following 11.00 on Zoom & later on You-tube



Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish Hebrews 12:2

MP 549 Our eyes have seen the glory

Ascension Day: Christ unlimited – when Heaven & earth meet

Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer

Matthew 28: 16-20

Acts 1: 1-11

Reflection: Christ Ascended but not absent ... Thy Kingdom come....

Song: Facing a task unfinished

Prayers for ourselves & others

MP 109 Crown him with many crowns

- Our eyes have seen the glory
 of our Saviour, Christ the Lord;
 He is seated as His Father's side
 in love and full accord;
 from there upon us human beings
 His Spirit is outpoured,
 all hall, ascended King!
 Glory, glory, hallelujah (x 3)
 all hail, ascended King!
- 2. He came to earth at Christmas and was made human like us; He taught, He healed, He suffered & they Nailed him to the cross; He rose again on Easter Day our Lord victorious, all hail ascended King!
- 3. The good news of His kingdom must be preached to every shore, the news of peace and pardon,

- and the end of strife and war; the secret of His kingdom is to serve Him evermore, all hail, ascended King!
- 4. His kingdom is a family of folk of every race, they live their lives in harmony, enabled by His grace; they follow His example till they see Him face to face, all hail, ascended King!

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- 1. Facing a task unfinished, that drives us to our knees, a need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease, we, who rejoice to know You, renew before Your throne the solemn pledge we owe You to go and make You known.
- 2. Where other lords beside You hold their unfettered sway; where forces that defied You defy You still today, with none to heed their crying for life & love & light, unnumbered souls are dying & pass into the night
- We bear the torch that flaming
 fell from the hands of those
 who gave their lives proclaiming
 that Jesus died and rose.
 Our's is the same commission,
 the same glad message ours,
 fired by the same ambition
 to You we yield our power.

- O Father, who sustained them,
 O Spirit who inspired,
 Saviour, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired,
 from cowardice defend us,
 from lethargy awake!
 Forth on Your mission, send us to labour for Your sake.
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- 1. Crown Him with many crowns, the lamb upon His throne; Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own: awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee, & hail Him as thy chosen King through all eternity.
- Crown Him the Son of God before the worlds began;
 ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the son of Man, who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,
 takes & bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.
- 3. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, & rose victorious in the strife, for those He came to save:
 His glories now we sing, who died & rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, & lives that death may die.
- 4. Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above; crown Him the King to whom is given the wondrous name of Love: all hail, Redeemer, hail!

 For thou hast died for me;

 Thy praise shall never, never fail, throughout eternity.

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.

Our God is a great big God Our God is a great big God Our God is a great big God And He holds us in His hands

He's higher than a skyscraper
He's deeper than a submarine
He's wider than the universe
And beyond our wildest dreams
He's known me and He's loved me
Since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part of
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