

*Shotts Calderhead Erskine Parish Church*

A registered Scottish Charity no: SC006538

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

11.00am at Shotts & 12.30pm at Allanton

& for those following 11.00 on Zoom & later on You-tube



*Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders & the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author & perfecter of our faith...so that you will grow weary and lose heart– Hebrews 12: 1-3*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah

Prayer of Approach, Confession & Renewal with chorus: **Help us to make a fresh start** & –all say - Lord's Prayer

**Acts 9: 1-19a**

There's a wideness in God's mercy

**Acts 9: 19b-31**

**From Hatred to Love - Saul to St. Paul – Entering, Running & Finishing the Race**

Father, I place into Your hands

Prayer of Thanks & of asking for God's help

Facing a task unfinished

May God's blessing surround you

- 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, (x 2)  
feed me now and evermore. (x2)
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain,**  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:

strong deliverer, (x2)  
be Thou still my strength & 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 (x 2)  
.....I will ever give to Thee. (x 2)  
William Williams 1717-1791

**1. 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.

- 2. There is plentiful redemption**  
In the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

- 3. For the love of God is broader**  
than the measures of man's mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

- 4. But we make His love too narrow**  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify His strictness  
with a zeal He will not own.

- 4. If our love were but more simple**  
we should take Him at His word;  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the presence of our Lord.

(Frederick William Faber, 1814-65)

1. **Father, I place into your hands**  
the things that can't do.  
Father, I place into Your hands  
the times that I've been through.  
Father, I place into Your hands  
the way that I should go,  
for I know I always can trust You.

2. Father, I place into Your hands  
my friends and family.  
Father, I place into Your hands  
the things that trouble me.  
Father, I place into Your hands  
the person I would be,  
for I know I always can trust You.

3. Father, we love to seek Your face,  
we love to hear Your voice.  
Father, we love to sing Your  
praise, and in Your name rejoice.  
Father, we love to walk with You  
and in Your presence rest,  
for we know  
....we always can trust You.

4. Father, I want to be with You  
and do the things You do.  
Father, I want to speak the words  
that You are speaking too.  
Father, I want to love the ones  
that you will draw to You.  
For I know that I am one with You.

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hold their unhindered sway;  
where forces that defied You  
defy You still today,  
with none to heed their crying  
for life, and love, and light,  
unnumbered souls are dying  
and pass into the night.

3. 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 powers.

4. 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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**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. **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