

**St Michael's Parish Church
Slateford Road
Edinburgh
Order of Service**

Sunday, 18th March 2018

11.00am



Interim Moderator: Rev. Angus Mathieson

Locum: Martin Pearce

Organist: Stuart Montgomery

Reader: Bill Bremner

Music before worship:

G.F. Handel: Organ Concerto no. 13 in F Major (HWV 295)
(The Cuckoo and the Nightingale)

J.S. Bach: Chorale Prelude 'Have pity on me O Lord God'

Call to Worship

Leader: God of the past, who has created and nurtured
us,

ALL: we are here to thank you.

Leader: God of the future, who is always ahead of us,

ALL: we are here to thank you.

Leader: God of the present, who is here in the midst of us,

ALL: we are here to thank you.

Leader: God of life, who is beyond us and within us,

ALL: We rejoice in your glorious love this morning.

Hymn 449 Rejoice! the Lord is King (tune Darwall's 148th)

Prayers of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Children's Talk Martin Pearce

CH3 Hymn 151 God who made the Earth (tune Beechwood)

God, who made the earth,
The air, the sky, the sea,
Who gave the light its birth.
Careth for me.

2. God, who made the grass,
The flower, the fruit, the tree,
The day and night to pass,
Careth for me.

3. God, who made the sun,
The moon, the stars, is he
Who, when life's clouds come on,
Careth for me.

4. God, who made all things,
On earth, in air, in sea,
Who changing seasons brings,
Careth for me.

5. God, who sent His Son,
To die on Calvary,
He, if I lean on Him,
Will care for me.

Hymn O Lord you called disciples

O Lord, you called disciples, proclaiming, "Come and see!"

And so an invitation began your ministry.

Then Andrew called his brother, and Peter came to you;
More men and women followed, and little children, too.

You met a busy woman out in the noon-day sun.

You shared God's love, you listened; you told all she had done.

She called her friends and neighbors and brought them face to face

With you, the living water, the bearer of God's grace.

O Christ, your invitation has reached from year to year!

Through some who heard you calling, a church was founded here.

As faithful people served you so many years ago,*

They soon invited others; your church began to grow.

God, by your Holy Spirit, now send us in your name

To serve the lost and outcast, the poor for whom you came.

Through gifts of hope and healing, through loving ministry,

May we reach out, inviting the world to "Come and see!"

Caroline Winfrey Gillette

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Music for Reflection:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Offering

Music for the offering: R. Schumann: Dreaming

Seated, we sing Hymn 807 as the offering is dedicated.

Prayer of Dedication of offering

Hymn 382 O Sacred Head! sore wounded

(tune Passion Chorale)

Stated Annual Meeting Business

Prayers of thanksgiving, intercession

Hymn 182 Now thank we all our God (tune Nun Danket)

Benediction (sung by all)

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.

Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show that you believe.

Reach out to others, so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching all around.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love"

Recessional Music: H. Purcell: Chaconne

Notices

Good morning and **welcome** to everyone who has come to St. Michael's this morning. If you are visiting us today we hope you will enjoy our fellowship as we worship God together. Please sign the Visitor's Book on the table behind the last pew at the back of the church and do join us for tea and coffee in the hall before you leave.

The Stated Annual General Meeting will be held during today's service and will be led by Reverend Angus Mathieson, Interim Moderator.

If you have, or are aware of, any **pastoral need**, contact Locum Martin Pearce Mob 07913 625 394, email martin.j.pearce@blueyonder.co.uk or Douglas Bannatyne on 0131 444 2935.

Please note any prayer concerns you have in the **Prayer Book** at the back of the church. Currently, there are a number of people in our church family who are poorly. Please pray for them.

Tea and coffee is served after today's service in the hall – all are welcome.

Prayers before Sunday Services are held in the Annex (adjacent to the main hall) from 10.30 to 10.45. We will be praying for the nominating committee and our church family. Silent prayer is just as good as praying aloud. Please come.

This year's **Lent Appeal is Medical Aid for Palestine.**

Lent Bible Study and Prayers in the ANNEX ROOM.

Each week is a stand-alone Bible Study. **All welcome**

21 st March	12.30 to 1.30pm	Jesus lives with perfect purity	Fifth Week of Lent
21st March	7pm To 8pm	Jesus Road to Jerusalem	Fifth week of Lent
28 th March	12.30 to 1.30pm	Jesus claims to be the Son of God	Holy Week

Services for Lent and Easter

18 th March	11am	Jesus and the road to Jerusalem	Fifth Sunday in Lent
25 th March	11am	Jesus and the triumphant entry	Palm Sunday
29 th March	7.30pm	The Passion of Christ at St Martin's	Maundy Thursday
30 th March	7.30pm	The seven sayings of Jesus on the cross	Good Friday
1 st April	7am	Jesus is Alive	Service in the Church Garden
1 st April	11am	The Risen Jesus	Easter Day

St Michael's@StColm's Guild holds the last meeting for this session at 7pm on Tuesday, 20th March. Pray for all the Guild members as they hold their business meeting and discuss important matters.

The spring edition of **the Tower** is ready for collection.

A huge "Thank you" to everyone who helps with this important ministry, your support is greatly appreciated.

On the table at the back of the church you will see there are a couple of districts where help with distribution is currently needed – there is no requirement that you must knock on doors when delivering. If you are able to help please do so and let Fiona (in the office on 0131 478 9675 or email: office@stmichaels-kirk.co.uk) or Douglas know. Thank you.