

# **St Michael's Parish Church**

**Slateford Road, Edinburgh**

## **Order of Service**

**Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**11.00am**



**Worship led by Rev. Andrea Price**

**Organist: Stuart Montgomery**

**Reader: Robert Donald**

**Music before worship:** D. Buxtehude: Prelude & Fugue in F sharp minor, J. West: Impromptu, H. Purcell: Organ Chaconne in C Major

**Call to Worship: (Psalm 32)**

Minister: Happy are those

**All: whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.**

Minister: Happy are those

**All: to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Minister: Be glad in the Lord

**All: and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

**Hymn 181 For the beauty of the earth** Tune Lucerna Laudoniae

**Prayer**

**Intimations**

**Talk with the children**

**Hymn 687 Lord of our growing years (Little Cornard)**

**Readings 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

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**Music for Reflection:** F. Schubert: Serenade

**Gospel Luke 15:1-3.11b – 32**

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**Hymn 485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Repton)**

## Sermon

### Apostel's Creed @ Hymn 628

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again,  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the Holy catholic church:  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

### Offering

**Music for the offering:** H. Burleigh: Were you there?

As the offering is brought forward, remaining seated, we sing:

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

## Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn 655 For your generous providing**

Tune Holy Manna

## Celebration of Communion

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**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**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**Have mercy upon us!**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**Have mercy upon us!**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**Grant us peace!**

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

**Blessing**

**Recessional:** K. Gange: Postlude, from Wedding Suite in C  
Major

## Notices

Good morning and **welcome** to everyone who has come to St. Michael's this morning. We hope you will enjoy our fellowship as we worship God together today. This morning **our Minister, Andrea Price**, leads our worship.

If you have an urgent pastoral matter, contact the Minister on 0131 443 4355, e-mail: [APrice@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:APrice@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Please note any prayer concerns you have in the **Prayer Book** at the back of the church.

**Communion** will be celebrated during today's service. Then, at 6.30pm, we will host an **Evening Service** with our friends from St Martin's.

After the service, there is an opportunity to donate to DEC for their **Cyclone IDAI Appeal** -all donations will be doubled by the UK Government.

Copies of the April edition of "**Life& Work**" are at the back of the church for collection.

**"The Way Through Lent - Encountering God"**: walking the Stations of the Cross in St Cuthbert's Church at 7pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Bible Breakfast & Prayer**: Join us for breakfast, prayer and Bible study every Tuesday in the Annex Room from 9am - 10am. We are reading the book of Ruth together. Everyone is most welcome.

If you would like to attend a Bible study, but at a different time, please speak to Andrea or Douglas.

**The Guild** meets, for what is their final meeting of this session, at 2pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, All are welcome.



## Lent Appeal 2019

**theGKexperience** is a small Youth Work charity, which grew out of Church of Scotland Youth Work in the Glasgow area. It supports some of the most vulnerable young people; building their confidence, self-respect and resilience by giving them positive opportunities and working with them to realise their potential. If you would like to donate, please pick up a label to attach to your collection jar or envelope at the back of the church. We will gather your donations on Easter Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**The Big Footprint event on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** is a chance for the Church of Scotland to show itself as a visible and active presence within local communities by walking together. At 2pm, join the Moderator, The Right Reverend Susan Brown, and walk along the Canal from Polwarth Parish Church to Slateford Aquaduct and back. Afterwards, refreshments will be provided at Polwarth church.

**St Michael's Web Site:** [www.stmichaels-kirk.co.uk](http://www.stmichaels-kirk.co.uk)

We obtained a new website, however it is still very basic and does not clearly show all that our church does. If you are on the internet, we would appreciate you having a look and possibly comparing it to St Columba's, London - [www.stcolumbas.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbas.org.uk) Both are set up using *WordPress*. There will be a meeting in the annexe on Sunday 7th April after the service and short communion, so if you are interested or/are able to come along with suggestions, you will be very welcome. Should you be unable to attend the meeting but have any ideas, you can forward them to Mamie Donald, [mamie@donalddesigns.co.uk](mailto:mamie@donalddesigns.co.uk) or to the church office [office@stmichaels-kirk.co.uk](mailto:office@stmichaels-kirk.co.uk).

Alex Anderson is asking for **donations of Easter Eggs**. Bring to the church any time and Alex will collect before taking them to distribute at the Sick Children's Hospital on Easter Sunday.

**Photographic Competition and Exhibition.** To celebrate the long history of our congregation in the community, we are inviting budding photographers - of all ages and ability - to enter a competition which will form an exhibition in St Michael's Parish Church during the Edinburgh Festival, 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**Categories:**

1. People
2. Landscape
3. Flowers and Plants
4. Animals
5. "Heart & Soul of Edinburgh" (a supportive community)
6. Then & Now (with support of SCRAN)

**(All photos must be taken within a 1 mile radius of St Michael's Church)**

For further details, inspiration, support, and how to enter please visit the Facebook Page:

[www.facebook.com/InspiredPhotographyStMichaels/](http://www.facebook.com/InspiredPhotographyStMichaels/)

Contact Rev Andrea Price, minister of St Michael's Church [APrice@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:APrice@churchofscotland.org.uk) or phone 0131 443 435

To help with the "Then & Now" category, a representative from **SCRAN** will hold a workshop on how to use their resources in the chancel on 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Please let Andrea or Douglas know if you hope to attend.

**Donations towards the cost of daffodils** which grace the church on Easter Sunday can be handed to Irene Herd, or placed in the flower fund collection box at the back of the church.

**The Tower** will be ready for distribution on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. If you have an item for the magazine please have it submitted by **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April.**