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A very warm welcome to all attending our Church today. We thank Revd. Peter Rand from Bedlington for leading our worship this morning. Thanks also to our Organist Ken Irvine for our music, to our Flower Committee for the flowers and to our Readers this morning.

All the prayers and responses in this service are from the Iona Community. If you liked them, why not join with others around the Synod and beyond and visit Northern Synod Morning Prayers on Zoom? There take place each weekday morning at 9am, lasts about 15 minutes. Julian can give you the joining details.

NOTICES

Wednesday 8th September - WOW - Worship on Wednesday

Short Service commencing at 12:30pm. The church is open from 12:15 pm.

Sunday 12th September 2021 Morning Worship at 10.30 am led by

Revd. Julian Sanders.

Wednesday 15th September - WOW - Worship on Wednesday

Short Service commencing at 12:30pm. The church is open from 12:15 pm.

Sunday 19th September 2021 Morning Worship at 10.30 am led by Revd.

Julian Sanders followed by a **CHURCH MEETING**.

Wednesday 22nd September

Lunchtime Concert at 12.30 pm given by "The Virtuoso Jazz Trio" led by George Macdonald. This is our first concert for 18 months and because of continuing concern over Covid the number of seats will be limited. Members and friends may book seats by e-mailing kdirvine@sky.com or by telephoning 01670 515870 and Gillian and Ken will reserve places. There will be no printed tickets and the cost will be £4 per concert.

Doors will open at 12 Noon and reserved seating will be held until 12.20. Tea, & Coffee will be available as usual but provided in disposable cups.

A second Lunchtime Concert will be held on Wednesday 20th October at 12.30 pm to be given by Jessica Graham (Violin) from the Abbey Strings Duo and Rachel Jeffers (Flute) with duets by Mozart and a selection of popular classic solos. Ken Irvine (Piano) will be accompanist.

CHRISTIAN AID STREET COLLECTION

September is the time of year for the annual street collection for Christian Aid which has been supported each year by St George's.

The date for the collection will be Saturday 18th September.

It has been decided, because fewer churches are currently represented on the Morpeth Christian Aid Committee, that the effort will be concentrated in the morning rather than trying to have collectors all day.

So for St George's contribution we need two collectors each hour from 9am to 1pm. There is a list posted in the vestibule for people to sign. Details for the day will be available at a later date.

Margaret Brock

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand as the Bible is brought into Church.

Welcome and Notices by Church Secretary.

(Please note hymns are printed commencing centre page)

Call to Worship

Leader Those who trust in the LORD are as secure as Mount Zion;
ALL Just as the mountains surround and protect Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds and protects his people, both now and forever.

Leader O Lord, do good to those who are good,
ALL And let your people live in quietness and peace.

Hymn "God is love, let heaven adore him"

Opening responses

Leader: The world belongs to God,

All: the earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,

All: to live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,
All: justice and peace join hands.
Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent
All: these stones would shout aloud.
Leader: Open our lips, O God,
All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Prayers of Approach

Yes, Lord, we want not only our mouths, but our whole lives, to proclaim your praise. You fill the whole created universe with your power – not destructive power, but the power of your love. Every particle of the universe speaks to our senses of your love. Through our worship today, may our voices be raised, even behind our masks, to give you praise, and may our hearts be inspired, so that we may live out our praise in our lives. Amen.

Prayers of Confession

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all
All: have mercy on us.
Leader: Jesus Christ, servant of the poor
All: have mercy on us.
Leader: Holy Spirit, breath of life
All: have mercy on us.
**O God, you are always true to us in love
and we are left wanting to say sorry
for our faithlessness to you and to one another,
for our forgetting of the poor and the broken,
for our failure to cherish creation.
Give us life, O God, to change
and enable us to change, that we may live.**

Song *Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho*
Your will be done on earth, O Lord

Bible Reading 1 Mark Chapter 7: Verses 24 - 37

Reflection

Affirmation

Leader: With the whole church
**All: we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the spirit.**
Leader: With people everywhere
**All: we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**
Leader: With all creation
**All: we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

Hymn *"Christ's is the world in which we move"*

Bible Reading 2 James Chapter 2 Verses 1 to 13

Reflection

Hymn *"Jesus Christ is waiting"*

Prayers of Concern

We bring to God someone whom we will meet or remember today
and for whom we want to pray

Silence

We bring to God someone who is hurting today and needs our prayer

Silence

We bring to God a troubled situation in our world today

Silence

We bring to God, silently, someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust

Silence

We bring ourselves to God that we might grow in generosity of spirit,
clarity of mind, and warmth of affection.

Silence

God, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer. O God,
 lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
 Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
 Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.
 Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.
 We ask it for your own name's sake.
 Amen.**

We say the Lord's prayer together

Dedication of the Offering

Hymn *"The kingdom of God is justice and joy"*

Closing responses

Leader: This is the day that God has made;

All: **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: We will not offer to God

All: **offerings that cost us nothing.**

Leader: Go in peace to love and to serve;

All: **we will seek peace and pursue it.**

Leader: In the name of the Trinity of Love,

All: **God in community, holy and one.**

Threefold Amen