

St Bride's Episcopal Church, Kelvinside



**Collation of Fr. James Milne
as Rector**

Saturday 14th March 2009

Setting - *Communion Service in F (Harold Darke)*

Introit - *Locus Iste (Anton Bruckner)*

Processional Hymn

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.

2 All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved by God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
Singing everlastingly.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessed ones to reign.

5 Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Welcome

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are here today to celebrate the beginning of a new ministry and a new chapter in the life of this congregation.

I will go unto the altar of God.
Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
Who hath made heaven and earth.

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O Lord.
That thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

Lord, hear our prayer.
And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray: **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Let us offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation and for James now called to be their Priest.

Almighty and everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all members of your holy Church; that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth, to the glory of your Name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading - Micah 7.14-20

Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock that belongs to you, which lives alone in a forest in the midst of a garden land; let them feed in Bashan and Gileadas in the days of old. As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, show us marvellous things. The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; they shall lay their hands on their mouths; their ears shall be deaf; they shall lick dust like a snake, like the crawling things of the earth; they shall come trembling out of their fortresses; they shall turn in dread to the Lord our God, and they shall stand in fear of you. Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of your possession? He does not retain his anger for ever, because he delights in showing clemency. He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and unswerving loyalty to Abraham, as you have sworn to our ancestors from the days of old.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm - 103.1-12

1 Praise the Lord, O my soul :
and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

2 Praise the Lord, O my soul :
and forget not all his benefits;

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin :
and healeth all thine infirmities;

4 Who saveth thy life from destruction :
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things :
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement :
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

7 He shewed his ways unto Moses :
his works unto the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy :
long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 He will not always be chiding :
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins :
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth :
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west :
so far hath he set our sins from us.

Gospel - Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

When it is announced:

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he told them this parable: ‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”’

Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.

Sermon - Fr. Darren McFarland

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE COLLATION

Presentation of the Rector-elect

Dr John Ferguson Smith: Most Reverend Father in God I present to you Father James Milne who has been chosen for the charge of this congregation. I believe him to be worthy to serve God and God's people in this Office.

Bishop: Let the Deed of Collation now be read.

Bishop: James, at your ordination you solemnly promised to minister the doctrine, sacraments and discipline of Christ; to be faithful in the study of the scriptures and in prayer; in your own life to seek to follow the example of Christ and to maintain and advance the peace and unity of God's people. Do you now re-affirm these promises?

Answer: I do, with God's help.

Bishop: James, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Answer: I do, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you, who witness this new beginning, support and uphold James in this ministry?

All: We will, with God's help.

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry

You come in answer to God's call
 A welcome we extend
 To be among us in this place
 As pastor, priest and friend.

A new beginning full of hope,
 A future still unknown;
 Together we will build the church
 We could not build alone.

A Bible is given by Miss Mary Sillitto: James, accept this Bible and be among us as one who proclaims the Word. **Amen.**

Encourage us to change and grow
 With insights when you teach,
 And make the gospel live anew
 For all who hear you preach.

A stole is given by Mr Richard Smith: James, accept this stole and be among us as pastor and priest. **Amen.**

Be present at our times of joy,
 To marry and baptise:
 Be here to weep with those who grieve
 When one among us dies.

Holy oil is given by Miss Lily Bland: James, use this oil among us as healer and reconciler. **Amen.**

With holy oil anoint the sick,
 Keep watch with those in pain,
 God's healing touch will comfort us,
 Your words and prayer sustain.

Bread and wine is given by Mr Roy Parkin: James, take this bread and wine and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup. **Amen.**

The bread and wine you consecrate,
 The sacraments we share,
 Unite us in the love of Christ
 With people everywhere.

The key to the Church is given by Mr Jonathan Lord: James, take this key and let the doors of this place be open to all people. **Amen.**

The keys that make our church secure
Will also open wide
These doors to all who seek the peace
And beauty found inside.

Bishop: James, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place. **Amen.**

So make your home among us now
Together we will be
A faithful people called to serve
Our whole community.

Bishop: Accept with joy the Service of God as Priest of this congregation. Preach the Living word of God, administer the Sacraments of eternal life, guard and strengthen the flock now committed to your Charge: and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and upon all your work done in his name. **Amen.**

THE BISHOP INSTALLS THE NEW RECTOR

Bishop: May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in.

All: From this time forth for evermore.

Intercessions

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Offertory Hymn

A collection will be taken in aid of the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

1 All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he
guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

2 Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he
buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness aye endureth,
 Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
 Splendour, light and life attend him,
 Beauty springeth out of naught.
 Evermore
 From his store
 New-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver
 Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
 His desire our soul delighteth,
 Pleasure leads us where we go.
 Love doth stand
 At his hand;
 Joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from man to God eternal
 Sacrifice of praise be done,
 High above all praises praising
 For the gift of Christ his Son.
 Christ doth call
 One and all:
 Ye who follow shall not fall.

Let us present our offerings to the Lord

Blessed be thou, O Lord God, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine: thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all: all things come of thee, and of thine own do we give unto thee. Amen.

The Consecration

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who, by his own oblation of himself once offered, made a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death and sacrifice until his coming again.

For, in the night that he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this, for this is my Blood of the new testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this as oft as ye shall drink it in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord, and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we thy humble servants do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion, and precious death, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same, and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we thine unworthy servants beseech thee, most merciful Father, to hear us, and to send thy Holy Spirit upon us and upon these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine, that, being blessed and hallowed by his life-giving power, they may become the Body and Blood of thy most dearly beloved Son, to the end that all who shall receive the same may be sanctified both in body and soul, and preserved unto everlasting life.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we humbly offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee, beseeching thee that all we who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord: by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.

We do not presume to come to this thy Holy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table: but thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his most sacred Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

The Communion

During Communion the following hymns will be sung:

1 All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
For we have no hope nor Saviour
If we have not hope in thee.

2 All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
Strength to serve thee hour by hour:
None can move us from thy presence
While we trust thy love and power.

3 All for Jesus! at thine altar
Thou dost give us sweet content;
There, dear Saviour, we receive thee
In thy holy sacrament.

4 All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
All for Jesus! thou hast died,
All for Jesus! thou art with us,
All for Jesus, glorified!

5 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
Till at last the flock is gathered
One in love, and one in thee.

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
 That bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
 And having with us him that pleads above,
 We here present, we here spread forth to thee
 That only offering perfect in thine eyes,
 The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2 Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
 And only look on us as found in him;
 Look not on our misusings of thy grace,
 Our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;
 For lo, between our sins and their reward
 We set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

3 And then for those, our dearest and our best,
 By this prevailing presence we appeal;
 O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,
 O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;
 From tainting mischief keep them white and clear
 And crown thy gifts with grace to persevere.

4 And so we come: O draw us to thy feet
 Most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
 And by this food, so awful and so sweet,
 Deliver us from every touch of ill:
 In thine own service make us glad and free,
 And grant us nevermore to part from thee.

Communion Motet: *A New Song* (James MacMillan)

(*A New Song* was commissioned by Nicholas Russell in memory of his mother Kath,
 and to celebrate the 70th birthday of his father Jimmy.

It was given its first performance by the Choir of St Bride's in 1998.)

Thanksgiving after Communion

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious.

And his mercy endureth for ever.

Let us pray: Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain James that with patience and understanding, he may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Almighty God, who for the salvation of all, gives to his people many gifts and ministries to the advancement of his glory, stir up in you the gifts of his grace, and sustain each one of you in your own discipleship. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We remain kneeling while the choir sings: God be in my head (Walford Davies)

Recessional Hymn

1 Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

2 Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

5 Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

3 Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely
To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

4 And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Dismissal

Go forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

You are invited to join us after the service for afternoon tea.