Pilgrims singing, Lalibela, Ethiopia

St Salvator’s Chapel
Low Sunday 7 April 2024
About this Service

Welcome to St Salvator’s Chapel to students, members of staff, family, friends, and all visitors. All are welcome at this ecumenical service, whether or not you share the Christian faith of this chapel. This printed order gives guidance as to the way we worship here. When words are in bold type we say them together. The words of the hymns are found in the order of service and purple hymn-books.

The preacher today is Revd Dr Peter Donald, Minister: Cairnlea Parish Church, Airdrie.

Music is led by Claire Innes-Hopkins, Director of Chapel Music, Campbell Watterson Organ Scholars, and St Salvator’s Chapel Choir.

Readers: The first reading is read by Frank Quinault, former Hebdomadar. The second reading is read by Heather Cameron, MRes student, School of Philosophical, Anthropological and Film Studies student.

Chapel Offerings: One-third of the Chapel offerings go towards the costs of Chapel Services and the Chaplaincy, and two-thirds go to charity. The charity supported today is Scotland’s Churches Trust, who are dedicated to preserving Scotland’s rich architectural heritage found in its churches. Donations contribute to safeguarding these cherished landmarks, ensuring they endure for future generations. Helping maintain a central website which are virtual guides connecting online visitors to sacred buildings across the nation.
Processional Hymn  The day of resurrection

1. The day of resurrection!
   Earth, tell it out abroad;
   the passover of gladness,
   the passover of God!
   From death to life eternal,
   from sin’s dominion free,
   our Christ has brought us over
   with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
   that we may see aright
   the Lord in rays eternal
   of resurrection light;
   and, listening to his accents,
   may hear, so calm and plain,
   his own ‘All hail!’ and, hearing,
   may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful
   and earth her song begin,
   the round world keep high triumph
   and all that is therein;
   let all things seen and unseen
   their notes of gladness blend,
   for Christ the Lord has risen,
   our Joy that has no end.

St John of Damascus (c.675-c.750)
translated John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Welcome

Approach to the Word of God

Call to worship
I pray that your inward eyes may be enlightened,
so that you may know how vast are the resources
of his power open to us who have faith.
(Ephesians 1:18, 19)
Introit  
Clausen, *Peace I leave with you*  

Peace I leave with you,  
my peace I give unto you:  
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid.  
Peace I leave with you.

Prayers of approach, thanksgiving, confession and forgiveness, and collect

Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

Hymn  
*Fairest Lord Jesus*  

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,  
ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and Man the Son;  
thee will I cherish,  
thee will I honour,  
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes the saddest heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine,  
    fairer still the moonlight,  
    and fair the twinkling starry host;  
    Jesus shines brighter,  
    Jesus shines purer  
    than all the stars that heaven can boast.

*Münster Gesangbuch, 1677*  
*translated* Lilian Stevenson (1870-1960)  
and others

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**The Word of God**

**First Reading**   
Acts 4:32-35

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Choral Psalm 133**

1. Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity!  
2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard: even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.  
3. Like as the dew of Hermon: which fell upon the hill of Sion.  
4. For there the Lord promised his blessing: and life for evermore.
19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ 27 Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ 28 Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ 29 Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
Hymn

1. Just as the tide creeps over silver sand
   flooding the bay with slow and steady gain,
   like brightening dawn across the eastern land,
   certain and sure is love that comes again.

2. When empty eyes stare at the vacant chair
   and none can touch or fill the heart’s deep pain,
   into the void of desolate despair,
   Jesus, pour out the love that comes again.

3. When every road ahead seems blocked and barren
   and doubt corrodes our will like acid rain,
   reveal your wounds to us whom like has scarred,
   and help us see the love that lives again.

4. When trait and fear conspire friends to betray,
   and bitter failure every hope has slain,
   when broken trust makes dark the dismal day,
   Jesus, speak of the love that comes again.

5. As sure as tide and dawn your love has come,
   come to redeem our failures and our pain;
   Jesus, come now, and find in us a home,
   revive us with the love that comes again.

Leith Fisher (b. 1941)

Sermon

Beyond lament

Response to the Word of God

Anthem

arr. Lindley, Now the green blade riseth

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

J. M. C. Crum (1872–1958)

Notices

Prayers of intercession and Lord's Prayer

Response

Risen Lord,
Hear Us

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.
1. ‘Christ the Lord is risen today’, all on earth and angels say; raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heavens, and earth reply. Love’s redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won; lo! our Sun’s eclipse is o’er; lo! he sets in blood no more.

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell: death in vain forbids his rise; Christ has opened Paradise. Lives again our glorious King; where, O Death, is now thy sting? Once he died, our souls to save; where thy victory, O grave?

3. Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head; made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to thee by both be given; thee we greet triumphant now; hail, the Resurrection thou!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Benediction and choral Amen

Voluntary
Forthcoming Services

For further information on the services listed below, including details of future services, dates and times, please visit our worship webpage:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy/worship/

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**Sunday Worship**
Sunday 14 April, 11 am, St Salvator’s Chapel
**Preacher:** Jenny Baker, Operations Director, Green Alliance
**Readings:** Romans 5:1-5; Luke 24: 36b-48
**Sermon:** Hope in hard times

This service will be livestreamed. Link available at
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/community/worship/

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**Jummah – Friday Prayers**
Prayer sessions are available from **1:15 pm**, every Friday at the Town Hall, Queen’s Gardens, St Andrews

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**Orthodox Services**
Orthodox services take place in St Leonard’s Chapel in Greek and English, throughout the year.
**Next service:** Sunday 21 April, 10:30 am
Chaplaincy Events

For further information on the chaplaincy events listed below, please visit the Chaplaincy Events page:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy/events/

Wellspring: a contemplative and creative prayer space
Next gathering: Monday 8 April, 1:15-2 pm, Chaplaincy Lounge
A group led by honorary Pentecostal Chaplain, Revd Dr Jill Walker
Explore prayer and a connection with God.

Grief Group
Thursday 18 April (For Students) and Thursday 25 April (For Staff)
1 – 2 pm, Chaplaincy Lochnagar
These groups welcome anyone experiencing grief, regardless of whether the loss is recent. They provide a confidential support network to help lessen the isolation felt whilst living with grief, as well as normalise speaking about the death of family members, friends, peers, and colleagues.
Led by Assistant Chaplain, Revd Samantha Ferguson

Turning Pages
A group for staff, meeting monthly, to discuss readings mainly on faith,
led by University Chaplain, Revd Dr Donald MacEwan
Next meeting: Tuesday 30 April at 5:30 pm
Chaplain’s House, 10 Abbey Street

Faith Societies
If you would like to learn more about the many faith societies, and connect with them, you will find contact details on our webpage at
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy/faith-societies/
Other Events

Walking Away – A Reflective Walk at the End of the Year
A walk from St Andrews to Ceres with the Fife Pilgrim Pastor Duncan Weaver, especially for final year students.
Friday 12 April, start time 9.30am at St Andrews Cathedral.
Walk is 9 miles on good well marked paths, some gentle inclines.
Coffee stop at Craigtoun Park. Bring a packed lunch, suitable walking clothes and footwear, water. Finish in Ceres, by 2.30pm.
Cafes in Ceres for refreshments at the end.
Local bus runs from Ceres back to St Andrews once an hour.

Book via the link:  www.trybooking.com/uk/DFEO

The Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy is centrally situated in the Mansefield Building opposite the Students Union. It is available for faith societies and other societies, private prayer and meditation, and is where all are welcome to meet Donald, Sam, Bill or others from the team.

The Chaplaincy Booklet containing details of faith societies and chaplaincy services is available in chapel and on our main webpage at  www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy/

Chaplaincy Mailing List:  If you would like to receive a weekly e-newsletter with details of services, concerts and faith society events, and occasional Companionship emails, please email your details to chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk.
Chapel Volunteers

**Reading in chapel**: We are looking for new and returning volunteers, both students and staff to read the Bible lessons at Sunday services over this semester.

**Chapel Ushers and Tech Team**: We are very keen to welcome new volunteer recruits to the Chapel Usher and Tech Teams.

If you are interested in becoming a Bible reader, usher or tech support volunteer please email us at chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk

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Donations

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Please feel free to contact Donald, Sam, or Bill direct should you wish to make an appointment to discuss any matter in confidence, whether or not related to faith.

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