

**Livingstone Parish Church**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
**Ms. Margaret Craik**

**Hymn 1 CH4 185**

**Come, children, join and sing**

*alleluia! amen!*

loud praise to Christ our King;  
*alleluia! amen!*

Let all, with heart and voice,  
before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice:  
*alleluia! amen!*

Come, lift your hearts on high;  
*alleluia! amen!*  
let praises fill the sky;  
*alleluia! amen!*  
He is our guide our friend,  
on him we can depend;  
his love shall never end:  
*alleluia! amen!*

Sing praises loud and long;  
*alleluia! amen!*  
life shall not end the song;  
*alleluia! amen!*  
on heaven's blissful shore  
his goodness we'll adore,  
singing for evermore,  
*alleluia! amen!*

\*Christian Henry Bateman (1813-1889)

**Hymn 2 MP 3 (Sing Twice)**

**Abba Father, let me be**

Yours and Yours alone.

May my will for ever be  
evermore Your own.

Never let my heart grow cold,  
never let me go,  
Abba Father, let me be  
Yours and Yours alone.

Dave Bilbrough

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**Hymn 3 MP 806**

**Beauty for brokenness,**

hope for despair,  
Lord, in Your suffering world  
this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children,  
justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset,  
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen,  
trade for their skills;  
land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause  
of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray:  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain;  
come, change our love  
from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary,  
freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing-fields,  
scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness,  
His cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth,  
oceans and streams  
plundered and poisoned –  
our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,  
carelessness, greed;  
make us content with  
the things that we need.  
*God of the poor...*

Lighen our darkness,  
breathe on this flame  
until Your justice  
burns brightly again;  
until the nations  
learn of Your ways,  
seek Your salvation  
and bring You their praise.  
*God of the poor...*

Graham Kendrick  
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**Hymn 4 CH4 522**

**The Church is wherever God's people  
are praising,**

knowing they're wanted and loved by their  
Lord.

The Church is wherever Christ's followers  
are trying  
to live and to share out the good news of  
God.

The Church is wherever God's people are  
loving,  
where all are forgiven and start once  
again,  
where all are accepted, whatever their  
background,  
whatever their past and whatever their  
pain.

The Church is wherever God's people are  
seeking  
to reach out and touch folk wherever they  
are -  
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its  
comfort,  
to challenge, refresh, and excite and  
inspire.

The Church is wherever God's people are  
praising,  
knowing we're wanted and loved by our  
Lord.

The Church is where we as Christ's  
followers are trying

to live and to share out the good news of  
God.

Carol Rose Ikeler (1920-2013)

**Exeunt (Sing Twice)**

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go  
with you,**

wherever He may send you.  
May He guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.  
May He bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders He has shown you.  
May He bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors.

(Celtic Daily Prayer)

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