

Livingstone Parish Church
Sunday 3rd September 2023
Rev. Robert Travers BA BD
Communion Sunday

Hymn 1 MP 1008

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.

He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
And I will trust...

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust...

*for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

Psalm 23

adapted Stuart Townend

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Hymn 2 CH4 173

Sing to God new songs of worship –
all his deeds are marvellous;
he has brought salvation to us
with his hand and holy arm:
he has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
he recalled his truth and mercy
to his people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship –
earth has seen his victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful
praising him with thankfulness:
sound upon the harp his praises,
play to him with melody;
let the trumpets sound his triumph,
show your joy to God the king!

Sing to God new songs of worship –
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters
sound your praises to the Lord!
Let the hills be joyful together
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
he will come to judge the earth.

Michael Baughen (b. 1930)
from *Psalm 98*

Hymn 3 MP 442

Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim;
fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduring,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and
failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should
be.

Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's
blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience, and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless
striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer –
the living water for our souls' reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve and
care.

Lord of the Church, we long for our
uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed
reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and His word!
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
one Church triumphant one new song shall
sing,
to praise His glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

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Hymn 4 CH4 356

Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony -
the man who is God:
Lord of eternity,
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.

*Oh, what a mystery –
meekness and majesty:
bow down and worship,
for this is your God,
this is your God!*

Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross:
suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice –
and, as they crucify,
prays, 'Father forgive'.
O what a mystery...

Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
love indestructible
in frailty appears:
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.
O what a mystery...

this is your God!

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

Hymn 5 CH4 577

Christ be beside me,

Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me,
Christ be below me,
Christ be above me,
never to part.

Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising,
light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts
thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues
telling of me.
Christ be the vision
in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me,
Christ ever be.

from *St Patrick's Breastplate*, 8th century
adapted James Quinn (1919-2010)

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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