

Sunday 10th January

Introduction to Cornerstone

Call to Worship

Song: Living Hope

Prayer of Adoration

Apostles' Creed

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Reading: Luke 3:1-15

Talk

Song: Psalm 25: 4 - 9

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

Song: Take My Life

Benediction

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

All: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. (Psalm 95)

Song: Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay
between us
How high the mountain I could not
climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your
loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my
soul
The work is finished the end is
written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such
boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from
glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus
*Hallelujah praise the One who set me
free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed
the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on
me
Then came the morning that sealed
the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on
me
Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus x2

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

Prayer of Adoration

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, from where he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

As we come to God we ask for forgiveness and remind ourselves that when we do so God promises to listen and respond with grace.

Leader (Confession): Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and asking for Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws in our thoughts, in our words and in our actions. Have mercy upon us and forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All (Assurance): The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all and offers forgiveness through the work of Jesus Christ.

Bible Reading: Luke 3:1-15

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – **2** during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3** He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **4** As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: ‘A voice of one calling in the wilderness, “Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. **5** Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. **6** And all people will see God’s salvation.”’ **7** John said to the crowds coming out to be baptised by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? **8** Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father.” For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. **9** The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.’ **10** ‘What should we do then?’ the crowd asked. **11** John answered, ‘Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.’ **12** Even tax collectors came to be baptised. ‘Teacher,’ they asked, ‘what should we do?’ **13** ‘Don’t collect any more than you are required to,’ he told them. **14** Then some soldiers asked him, ‘And what should we do?’ He replied, ‘Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely – be content with your pay.’ **15** The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.

Lectura Bíblica: Lucas 3:1-15

3 En el año quince del reinado de Tiberio César, Poncio Pilato gobernaba la provincia de Judea, Herodes era tetrarca en Galilea, su hermano Felipe en Iturea y Traconite, y Lisaniás en Abilene; **2** el sumo sacerdocio lo ejercían Anás y Caifás. En aquel entonces, la palabra de Dios llegó a Juan hijo de Zacarías, en el desierto. **3** Juan recorría toda la región del Jordán predicando el bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de pecados. **4** Así está escrito en el libro del profeta Isaías: «Voz de uno que grita en el desierto: “Preparen el camino del Señor, háganle sendas derechas. **5** Todo valle será rellenado, toda montaña y colina será allanada. Los caminos torcidos se enderezarán, las sendas escabrosas quedarán llanas. **6** Y todo mortal verá la salvación de Dios”». **7** Muchos acudían a Juan para que los bautizara. — ¡Camada de víboras! — les advirtió —. ¿Quién les dijo que podrán escapar del castigo que se acerca? **8** Produzcan frutos que demuestren arrepentimiento. Y no se pongan a pensar: “Tenemos a Abraham por padre”. Porque les digo que aun de estas piedras Dios es capaz de darle hijos a Abraham. **9** Es más, el hacha ya está puesta a la raíz de los árboles, y todo árbol que no produzca buen fruto será cortado y arrojado al fuego. **10** — ¿Entonces qué debemos hacer? — le preguntaba la gente. **11** — El que tiene dos camisas debe compartir con el que no tiene ninguna — les contestó Juan —, y el que tiene comida debe hacer lo mismo. **12** Llegaron también unos recaudadores de impuestos para que los bautizara. — Maestro, ¿qué debemos hacer nosotros? — le preguntaron. **13** — No cobren más de lo debido — les respondió. **14** — Y nosotros, ¿qué debemos hacer? — le preguntaron unos soldados. — No extorsionen a nadie ni hagan denuncias falsas; más bien confórmense con lo que les pagan. **15** La gente estaba a la expectativa, y todos se preguntaban si acaso Juan sería el Cristo.

Talk

Song: Psalm 25:4-9

⁴ O LORD, reveal to me your ways,
And all your paths help me to know.

⁵ Direct and guide me in your truth;
Instruct me in the way to go.

You are my Saviour and my God;
All day I hope in you alone.

⁶ Remember, LORD, your love and grace
Which from past ages you have shown.

⁷ Do not recall my sins of youth
Or my rebellious, evil ways;
Remember me in your great love,
For you, O LORD, are good always.

⁸ Because the LORD is just and good,
He shows his paths to all who stray.

⁹ He guides the meek in what is right
And teaches them his holy way.

Free Church of Scotland

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

Song: Take My Life

1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

2. Take my hands and let them
move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
Swift and beautiful for Thee

3. Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Filled with messages from Thee

4. Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

5. Take my will and make it
Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne
It shall be Thy royal throne

6. Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee
Ever only all for Thee

Benediction

Coming up

*At the close of the service this morning your City Group will be meeting online via Zoom.
Please contact your City Group leader if you need more info.*

Burns Night - Get ready for all your Burns Night favorites! We will be hosting a virtual Burns Night on January 23rd at 5:30pm. More details to come!

City Groups resume this week. Look out for information from your City Group leaders.

Women's Bible Study returns this Wednesday, 10:30am. For more details, please contact Louise MacMillan (lmacmillan@live.co.uk)

Old Schoolhouse Updates - Follow the latest at www.osh.org.uk/updates.

Hardship Fund - During this time we really want to help those who are struggling financially, and we've set up a fund for those connected to Cornerstone who need assistance.

If you would like to donate to this fund or apply for help, please contact: AnnaLauren on annalauren@cornerstone-edinburgh.com or Laird (Colin) on colin@cornerstone-edinburgh.com for details.

Giving Information - If you would like to make a donation to the work of Cornerstone in Edinburgh, please follow this link: www.cornerstone-edinburgh.com/donate

Pastoral Care for the whole Church

Our hope is that everyone connected to Cornerstone is taken care of during this time. Please also be proactive in connecting with your City Group leaders and letting them know how you are. Let's be creative about being in touch with others and finding our own ways to connect also. Feel free to contact me, Laird or AnnaLauren at any time if you need help of any kind.

Neil: neil@cornerstone-edinburgh.com

AnnaLauren: annalauren@cornerstone-edinburgh.com

Laird: colin@cornerstone-edinburgh.com

Cornerstone is part of St Columba's Free Church of Scotland
St Columba's Free Church is a registered charity in Scotland (SC016551)