



*Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March*

## **Everyone is welcome in Orchardhill.**

This morning we extend our welcome to the Clowes and Hall families. Before our service begins at 10.30am, you're free to have a tea or coffee and browse through what's happening. Please sit wherever you wish.

Join us, too, for drinks and chat after the service.

To find out more about anything in Orchardhill, just ask someone or visit [www.orchardhill.org.uk](http://www.orchardhill.org.uk)

**P**raise, my soul, the King of heaven!  
To his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me His praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
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Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
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Praise with us the God of grace!

**G**ive thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
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**T**he King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
and He is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul He leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love He sought me,  
and on His shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

**O**ur children, Lord, in faith and prayer,  
we now devote to You;  
let them Your covenant mercies share,  
and Your salvation true.

Such children You did once embrace,  
while dwelling here below;  
to us and ours, O God of grace,  
the same compassion show.

**T**he Lord bless you, and keep you:  
the Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you:  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.

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And now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
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Henry Smith  
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In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what wonder and delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house for ever.

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Dear Lord, Your infant feet were found  
within Your Father's shrine;  
Your years, with changeless virtue  
crowned,  
were all alike divine.

Dependent on Your bounteous breath,  
we seek Your grace alone,  
in every stage of life and death,  
to keep us still Your own.

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**W**e stand upon God's promises  
to us and to our children, too;  
we trust the suffering Christ who died  
and lives to cleanse and make us new.

*We are the children of the Lord,  
God's family, through Christ the Son.  
We welcome you, and pledge, in love,  
to serve our Saviour, Christ, as one;  
to serve our Saviour, Christ, as one.*

Although you're yet too young to know  
all this, we still believe it's true:  
The Lord who reigns at God's right hand  
Calls your name, saying, 'I'm for you.'

God hears us make our promises  
to show, in our lives, Jesus' way.  
As we share hope and life and faith  
we trust you'll own them too, some day.

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**M**ay the blessing of God go before you.

May her grace and peace abound.

May her Spirit live within you.

May her love wrap you around.

May her blessing remain with you always.

May you walk on holy ground.

### **Luke 15: 4-32**

Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep,' Jesus said, 'and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

'Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Jesus continued: 'There was a man who had two sons...'

'But while [the younger son] was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him.

'The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

'But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.

'Meanwhile, the elder son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. "Your brother has come," he replied, "and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound."

'The elder brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, "Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!"

"My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

# Intimations

**Communion** We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion during worship next week.

**Kirk Session** will meet this Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 in the Sanctuary. Please note the revised meeting date.

**The Stated Annual Meeting** will be held during the service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**Stepping Stones** are once again appealing for donations of Easter Eggs which will be gifted to our local food bank. Please bring to them church by Sunday 25 March (Palm Sunday). Last year we collected 200 - can we beat that this year?

**Space to Think** The Church is open from 6pm until 7pm on Wednesday evenings for anyone who wishes to spend time in the stillness of our lovely sanctuary. There's a short spoken reflection time at 6.30 which you may, or may not, join.

**Pastoral Visiting Team** If you are aware of anyone in our congregation or community you think might value regular contact by a member of our Visiting Team, in the first instance please email details to [secretary@orchardhill.org.uk](mailto:secretary@orchardhill.org.uk).

**Huntly Hound 2018** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the lounge is the first meeting to organise Huntly Hound for this year. I know it seems early, but this is just the initial meeting to start planning and preparing for another successful week in August. Please join Fiona Carmichael for this purposeful meeting.

**Thinking Allowed** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

**Literate not Literal : Reading gospel stories in their poetic glory.** Speaker: Pádraig Ó Tuama  
Padraig will reflect as a poet on reading the gospel stories as literature. He will also draw on his experiences leading the ongoing reconciliation work of the Corrymeela Community as it helps to build peace in Northern Ireland following the dark decades of 'The Troubles'.

**Remembrance Day** We're having tentative thoughts about how we might mark Remembrance this year, given its significance. Possibilities include a range of events and, perhaps, an art installation. If you are interested in joining our very early conversations, we shall meet after worship on 25<sup>th</sup> March to determine what steps, if any, we might explore. Anyone interested is welcome along.

**Orchardhill Record – April Deadline** Sunday 11 March is the deadline for contributions for the April edition of the Orchardhill Record. Contributions should be either sent by email to [record-editor@orchardhill.org.uk](mailto:record-editor@orchardhill.org.uk) before 1.00pm that day or left in the relevant slot in the rack in the church corridor no later than 10.30am.

We prefer contributions to be sent by email, and we cannot accept any handwritten or typed item that does not identify the source. Nor can we accept pdf files. But jpg files are OK.

Please submit contributions as soon as possible. Do not wait until the deadline date.

**Soundwaves** tickets for there forthcoming show are available to buy from the Church Office, any Soundwaves leader of Alexis Wallace.

**Memorial Hall** stage will be out of bounds from Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**Brains of the Church Quiz** A huge thank you to all who participated in the quiz last Sunday evening and everyone who helped set up, serve tea and organise the event. Congratulations go to the "Simple Minds" team (the Church Office) on being crowned 'Brains of the Church 2018'. A total of £323 was raised on the night which will go towards future capital expenditure but more importantly a good night was had by all.