

# **Presbytery of Kirkcaldy**



*Service of Union*


*to form*

*The United Charge*

*of*

*Markinch and Thornton Parish Church*

Thursday 5th June 2014



## Officiating from Presbytery

Moderator of Presbytery

Mrs Myra Deas

Minister of Auchterderran Kinglassie Church

Rev Ben Pieterse

Presbytery Clerk

Rev Rosemary Frew

*The Congregation is asked to stand as Presbytery enters the Church*

## **Welcome**

## **Call to Worship**

**Praise:     “The Church is wherever God’s people are praising”**

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

**Prayer ( including The Lord’s Prayer)**

**Reading:   Jeremiah 45**  
Read by John Wood - Markinch

**Praise: “How great thou art”**

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder  
thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

And when I think of God his Son not sparing  
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, My God, how great thou art.

**Reading: Revelation 5: 1-10**

Read by Margaret Colville - Thornton

**Praise:            “I, the Lord of sea and sky”**

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
    my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
    Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord,  
if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain  
I, have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them  
    They turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone  
give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my Word to them  
    Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
    I will set a feast for them  
    My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
    Whom shall I send?

**Sermon**

**Praise:      “We have a gospel to proclaim”**

We have a gospel to proclaim  
good news for all throughout the earth  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim  
the Word made flesh, a light for all

Tell of his death at Calvary  
hated by those he came to save  
in lonely suff'ring on the cross  
for all he loved his life he gave

Tell of that glorious Easter morn –  
empty the tomb, for he was free  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory

Tell of his reign at God's right hand  
by all creation glorified  
He sends his Spirit on his church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

**Narrative - Presbytery Clerk**

**Prayer**

**Praise:      “ Look forward in Faith”**

Look forward in faith  
all time is in God's hand  
Walk humbly with him  
and trust his future plan  
God had wisely led  
his people by his power  
Look forward in hope  
he gives us each new hour

Look forward in faith  
the world is in God's care  
His purpose of love  
he calls on us to share  
In our neighbour's need  
the Lord is present still  
He blesses the meek!  
The earth will know God's will

Look forward in faith  
God gives us life each day  
Go onward with Christ  
his Spirit guides our way  
Now God lets us live  
within the sphere of grace  
Trust ever in him  
he rules o'er earth and space!

## **The Union Of The Congregation**

*The congregations of Markinch and Thornton will be asked to stand after the Moderator has read the following:*

Members of the congregations of Markinch and Thornton, having agreed to come together and be one Congregation in Christ Jesus, under the designation of Markinch and Thornton Parish Church, do you pledge yourselves, in the presence of God and depending on His help, to be faithful to the covenant of unity, love and peace into which you are now entering, for the better service of Christ's Kingdom and the glory of His name?

*Will you please signify your assent by standing?*

## **Prayers for the United Charge**

**Praise:     “One more step along the world I go”**

One more step along the world I go  
one more step along the world I go  
from the old things to the new  
keep me travelling along with you

*And it's from the old I travel to the new  
keep me travelling along with you*

Round the corners of the world I turn  
more and more about the world I learn  
all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me:

As I travel through the bad and good  
keep me travelling the way I should  
where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way, I know:

Give me courage when the world is rough  
keep me loving though the world is tough  
leap and sing in all I do  
keep me travelling along with you

You are older than the world can be  
you are younger than the life in me  
ever old and ever new  
keep me travelling along with you

**Blessing and Threefold Amen**

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You are invited for refreshments in the hall immediately after this service.