

Sunday, 9th April 2017

Judas

Opening Voluntary: *'Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund'* (BWV 621)
J S Bach

Introit: *'Hosanna to the Son of David'* Noel Rawsthorne

Welcome

Opening Responses (adapted from Philippians 2):

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.
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He was in the form of God,
but did not exploit his equality with God.

He emptied himself,
he took the form of a slave.
He was born in human likeness.
He was found in human form.

He humbled himself.
He was obedient even to his death.

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Hymn 483 *'Father of Heaven, whose love profound'*

*One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot,
went to the chief priests and said,
'What will you give me if I betray him to you?'
They paid him thirty pieces of silver.
And from that moment
he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.
(Matthew 26.14-16)*

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of the Day (said together):

**Almighty and ever-living God,
in tender love for all our human race
you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take our flesh
and die our death upon a cross.
Grant that we may follow
the example of his great humility,
and share in the glory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Hymn 40 *'O God, be gracious to me in your love'* (tune 221: *Ellers*)

Matthew 26.31-56

Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

**All sing (793): Stay with me, remain here with me,
watch and pray, watch and pray.**

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

Stay with me ...

Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

Stay with me ...

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?'

Stay with me ...

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Hymn 400 *'When we are tempted to deny your Son'*

Matthew 27.1-5

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.

Sermon

Anthem: 'Ave Verum' Edward Elgar

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, Of the Virgin Mary born,
On the Cross Thy sacred Body, For us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us, by the blood and water, Streaming from Thy pierced side;
Feed us with Thy body broken, Now, and in death's agony!
O Jesu, hear us, Son of Mary

Notices

Prayer of Response

Hymn 721 'We lay our broken world'

(children enter and the offering is presented)

Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer (standing):

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Reflection Time

Hymn 484 'Great God, your love has called us here' (tune188: St Petersburg)

Benediction

Hymn 724: chorus

**To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.**

Closing Voluntary: 'Valet will Ich Dir geben' G F Kauffmann

Organist: Alan Kitchen

TODAY - SUNDAY 9TH APRIL

11.00 am - Morning Service

conducted by the Rev. Dr. David Sinclair

Crèche facilities available (under 3's)

Tea and Coffee after Morning Service in the Woodlands Hall

7.00 pm in Wellington Church

'The Crucifixion' by John Stainer

conducted by Dr. Katy Cooper (Director of Chapel Music-University of Glasgow)

Connor Smith (Tenor) William Frost (Bass) Alan Kitchen (Organ)

West End Voices Choir

THIS WEEK

Monday, 10th April

7.00 pm United Service in St. John's Renfield

Tuesday, 11th April

7.00 pm United Service in Kelvinside-Hillhead hosted by Hillhead Baptist Church

Wednesday, 12th April

11.00 am Ladies Coffee Morning

(see More Notes and Dates)

3.00 pm English Language Conversation Corner in the Crypt

7.00 pm United Service in Wellington

Thursday, 13th April

11.00 am Clarence Court Care Home - Communion Service

(see More Notes and Dates)

7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Service in Kelvinbridge

Friday, 14th April

12 noon—3.00 pm Vigil in Kelvinside-Hillhead

7.30 pm International Welcome Club

(see More Notes and Dates)

NEXT SUNDAY - 16TH APRIL

9.00 am Easter Morning Service in Botanic Gardens

led by the Rev. Fiona Lillie

(followed by breakfast in the Crypt Café)

11.00 am - Easter Sunday in Wellington

All-Age Communion Service

conducted by the Rev. Dr. David Sinclair

(No evening Service)

MORE NOTES & DATES

The crèche will not be staffed during the Easter holidays (2nd, 9th, 16th April) but the room will be available for babies/toddlers and accompanying adults who wish to use it.

THE EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION is for Medical Aid to the Palestinians.

DAFFODILS FOR EASTER - We would be most grateful if those who are able to do so, could bring some daffodils to church on Easter morning, if possible by 10.45 am. As in previous years, the daffodils will be used to decorate our big wooden cross.

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST - Come to the Crypt for breakfast (porridge, bacon rolls and other goodies) on Easter Sunday from 9.30 am onwards. There is no requirement to have been at the early Botanic Gardens service. Everyone is welcome.

COFFEE MORNING - The next coffee morning will be at the home of Pat Hodgen, Flat 1/3, 6 Kingsborough Gate G12 9JZ Tel. 339 6836 on **Wednesday, 12th April** at 11 am. All ladies of the congregation are very welcome. This year the group is supporting the Lodging House Mission. Donations may be made to the charity only if desired. It may be possible to assist with transport. The next coffee mornings will be on Thursday, 18th May hosted by Ruth Beattie and on Wednesday, 5th June hosted by Joyce Allison.

CLARENCE COURT CARE HOME – The Ministers will be conducting a Communion Service in the Home at 11.00 am on **Thursday, 13th April**. Those with connections to residents are welcome to join us.

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME CLUB - Good Friday, **14th April** is a reflective day at the Club. Something of the Easter story will be told while Club members have the chance to make their own Easter card, decorate an Easter egg or craft something appropriate. Start at 7.30pm in Wellington's Library. All Welcome. Free and delicious home baking too. For more details email: grace@iwelcomeclub.com

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION - This will take place following the morning service on **Sunday, 23rd April** when the Treasurer will present the Report and Financial Statements to 31st December 2016. Copies will be available next Sunday and on the day of the meeting.

DUMFRIES HOUSE – The Congregational Life Group are arranging a visit to this historic building on **Wednesday, 10th May**. A tour has been arranged for 12 noon followed at 1.00 pm by lunch in the house. If any more people would like to go on this outing, please contact either Kate Fyfe (954 8651) or Helen Sturrock (Tel: 942 7412). Transport options will be organised depending on how many people sign up.

BED-SIDE CABINET - The Gardening Group requires a small drawer cabinet (no bigger than a bed-side cabinet) to help with organising their storage. If anyone has one which they can donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

MORE NOTES & DATES

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST - The Church of Scotland together with Christian Aid and the Scottish Episcopal Church, and in partnership with the worldwide ACT Alliance, is supporting a movement to pray for the situation in Israel and Palestine on the 24th of each month. Our sisters and brothers in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories have called for an ecumenical prayer vigil across the globe. This will continue until we can all celebrate an end to occupation and a just and lasting resolution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Events take place each month and include worship, prayers and stories from people living in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. A vigil will take place in Wellington Church on **Monday, 24th April** from 7 – 9 pm

LENTEN APPEAL - Three projects were chosen by the Mission and Outreach Committee for our support: **GKExperience**, Glasgow, **Iona Community Capital Appeal**, **StARS (St. Andrews Refugee Service)**, Cairo, Egypt. Envelopes to make a donation will be available up to Easter at the side and front doors and may be placed in the pedestals. Please make cheques payable to: **Wellington Church of Scotland**.

CEILIDH – FRIDAY 21 APRIL: 8-11pm – raising funds for the Iona Community Capital Appeal (for refurbishment of accommodation in Iona Abbey) – to be held in the University of Glasgow Chapel – Live music with Macappella Ceilidh Band; snacks and soft drinks to buy; BYOB. Tickets (£10; concessions £5) from Norman Shanks or contact – 0141 429 3774; jonmol@phoncoop.coop

AFRICAN CHILDREN - April Appeal - The following items are now needed by SIR for children in Africa: Pencil case, ruler, sharpener, eraser.

WELCOME TO WELLINGTON

Love one another, as I have loved you. (John 15:12)

We welcome into the life and worship of our congregation
all people whatever their ethnic origin, gender, background, age,
sexual orientation, mental or physical ability.
We affirm our diversity and the dignity of each person.

*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)*



If you would like to find out more about the life of our church, please speak to one of the people on door duty. You are warmly invited to continue the fellowship of this service with tea and coffee in the Woodlands Hall, and please note that we have a congregational lunch on the first Sunday of each month. If you are visiting Wellington for the first time, we would be very pleased if you could sign our visitors' book at the front entrance.

The offering at Wellington is not collected during the service – there are collection pedestals at each door for donations – thank you. For the hard of hearing there is a loop system installed in the Church - to take advantage of it, please sit in the central area and adjust your hearing aid to position 'T'.

PRAYER GROUP - The Prayer Group meet regularly on a Tuesday - from 2.00 to 3.00 pm - at the Wilsons' home, 15 Falkland Street. Our prayer is strengthened when we unite with others, learning to pray by doing it. We give thanks for those who use the weekly prayer notes and will welcome new companions in our Tuesday quiet time.

FOCUS ON PRAYER (provided by the Prayer Group)

Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth and the life".

John 14.6 (NIV)

- * Pray that this Holy Week may bring us a deeper awareness of Christ's sacrifice for us.
- * Pray for an end to prejudice and bigotry and for respect among all peoples.
- * Pray for the people of Syria.
- * Give thanks for the beauty of the earth. Pray for grace and wisdom in our care of this planet.
- * Pray for those who are housebound and unable to enjoy the outdoors.
- * Give thanks for God's word which remains constant in our ever changing world.

If you wish prayer for any matter, please contact:
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