PARISH OF WEST MORAY - KINLOSS - SUNDAY - 19th JANUARY 2025

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn - MP 630 - Tell my people I love them

Tell My people I love them, tell My people I care; when they feel far away from Me, tell My people I am there.

- 1.Tell my people I came and died to give them liberty; and to abide in Me is to be really free.

 Tell My people I love them, tell My people I care; when they feel far away from Me, tell My people I am there.
- 2.Tell My people where'er they go
 My comfort they can know;
 My peace and joy and love
 I freely will bestow.
 Tell My people I love them,
 tell My people I care;
 when they feel far away from Me,
 tell My people I am there.

Prayer

Hymn - MP 411 - Let there be love shared among us

Let there be love shared among us, let there be love in our eyes; may now Your love sweep this nation, cause us, O Lord, to arise: give us a fresh understanding of brotherly love that is real; let there be love shared among us, let there be love.

Reading: Ephesians 1:15 - 23 - 15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit[a] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn - MP 409 - Let saints on earth together sing

- 1. Let saints on earth together sing with those whose work is done; for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.
- 2. One family, we live in Him, one church above, beneath, though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.
- One army of the living God, to His command we bow;
 part of his host have crossed the flood and part are crossing now.
 - 4. But all unite in Christ their head, and love to sing His praise: Lord of the living and the dead, direct our earthly ways!
- So shall we join our friends above who have obtained the prize; and on the eagle wings of love to joys celestial rise.

Dedication of the Offering

Hymn - MP 168 - Give me faith which can remove

- Give me the faith which can remove and sink the mountain to a plain; give me the childlike, praying love, which longs to build Thy house again; Thy love, let it my heart o'erpower, let it my ransomed soul devour.
- 2. I would the precious time redeem, and longer live for this alone to spend and to be spent for them who have not yet my Saviour known; fully on these my mission prove, and only breathe to breathe Thy love.
- 3. My talents, gifts, and graces, Lord, into Thy blessed hands receive; and let me live to preach thy word, and let me to Thy glory live; my every sacred moment spend in publishing the sinner's friend.
- 4. Enlarge, inflame, and fill my heart with boundless charity divine; so shall I all my strength exert, and love them with a zeal like Thine; and lead them to Thine open side, the sheep for whom their shepherd died.

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Hymn - MP 442 - Lord of the Church we pray for our renewing

- Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:
 Christ over all, our undivided aim;
 fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
 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.
- 3. 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!

Benediction

Hymn - MP 460 - May God's blessing

May God's blessing surround you each day, as you trust Him and walk in His way. May His presence within guard and keep you from sin, go in peace, go in joy, go in love.