PARISH OF WEST MORAY - KINLOSS - SUNDAY - 23rd MARCH 2025

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn - MP 560 - Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like thee 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! Praise Him! Praise Him! 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.
 - 4. 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! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise with us the God of grace.

Prayer

Reading: Luke 6:20-38 - ²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. ²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. ²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. ²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. $^{\mbox{32}}$ "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting

to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your Iap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Hymn – MP 170 - Give thanks with a grateful heart

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because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks

Sermon

Hymn - MP 14 - All heaven declares

1. All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord; who can compare with the beauty of the Lord? For ever He will be the Lamb upon the throne; I gladly bow the knee, and worship Him alone.

2. I will proclaim The glory of the risen Lord, who once was slain to reconcile man to God. For ever You will be the Lamb upon the throne; I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone.

(Continued overleaf)

Communion

Prayer

Dedication of Offering

Hymn - MP 506 O Lord my God

1.0 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, the power throughout the universe displayed; Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2.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; Then sings my soul......

3.And when I think that 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: *Then sings my soul,.....*

4. 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! Then sings my soul,.....

Benediction & Amen

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.