



# The Free North Church Inverness

a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland

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## A GUIDE TO SUNDAY WORSHIP

### 11 am – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

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This is a guide to our Sunday Morning Service, streamed online at 11 am on the Free North YouTube channel and available afterwards for catch-up. Tonight a short service including praise will stream on YouTube at 7 pm, followed by a Zoom fellowship at 7.30 pm. (Subscribe to our YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCjxeX18IKP4grKdqWEt2dgw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjxeX18IKP4grKdqWEt2dgw)).

#### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 34:1-3, ESV)

*I will bless the LORD at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

*My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.*

*Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! Amen.*

#### PSALM 2:1-9 (Sing Psalms version)

Why do the heathen nations rage?  
Why do the peoples plot in vain?  
Earth's kings combine in enmity;  
Her rulers join against God's reign.

They take their stand against the LORD  
And challenge his anointed one:  
"Let us break off their chains from us;  
With their restraints let us be done."

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;  
The Lord on high derides them all.  
Then he rebukes them in his wrath;  
His rage and terror on them fall.

The LORD has made it known to them:  
"My chosen king I have installed

On Zion, my own holy hill.  
He is the one whom I have called."

The king then solemnly declares:  
"I will proclaim the LORD's decree.  
'Today your father I've become;  
You are my son,' he said to me.

"Ask me, and for your heritage  
I'll give you nations near and far.  
You'll break them with an iron rod,  
And smash them like a potter's jar."

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#### PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

#### CHURCH FAMILY UPDATE

We extend sympathy to the family of **Cathie Ann MacKenzie**, Rangemore Road, who died on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July at Raigmore hospital. Keep Campbell and Ann and their families and the wider Campbell and MacKenzie families in your prayers. We expect a funeral (limited to the immediate family) shall be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August. At a later date we hope to have a service of thanksgiving for the congregation, friends and family, when larger gatherings are once again permitted. We commend the family to the grace and comfort of the Lord. *The daughter of the King, All glorious is within; And with embroideries of gold,*

*Her garments wrought have been... They shall be brought with joy, And mirth on ev'ry side, Into the palace of the King, And there they shall abide. (Psalm 45).*

This week we pray for our sister churches in **BURGHEAD & LIVINGSTON**. Today we share an **Update Video** from the Leadership Team. As we plan to reopen our church building from 16<sup>th</sup> August it will help if you complete our **Online Survey**. Online worship will continue to be available, as many people will be unable to return to in-person services right away. The survey is at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X7QNXXV>

#### **BIBLE READING: JUDE 1-25**

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: 2 Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. 3 Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. 4 For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a licence for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord. 5 Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling – these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. 7 In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire. 8 In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings. 9 But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!' 10 Yet these people slander whatever they do not understand, and the very things they do understand by instinct – as irrational animals do – will destroy them. 11 Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion. 12 These people are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm – shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted – twice dead. 13 They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved for ever. 14 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: 'See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones 15 to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.' 16 These people are grumblers and fault-finders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage. 17 But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. 18 They said to you, 'In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.' 19 These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. 20 But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. 22 Be merciful to those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear – hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. 24 To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – 25 to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore! Amen.

#### **HYMN: REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore:  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:*

*Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!*  
  
Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when He had purged our stains

He took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heaven.  
The keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given.

He sits at God's right hand,  
till all His foes submit  
and bow to His command  
and fall beneath His feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope!

Jesus the Judge shall come  
and take His servants up  
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!*

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!*

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### MESSAGE TO CHILDREN & SERMON FROM REV BEN FIDDIAN – JUDE 24-25 – DOXOLOGY!

What does contending for the faith involve? **(1) Our Christian Warfare and Worship**, fighting for each other. **(2) God's Greatness and Grace**, an invincible light shining in a dark world. These lead us to worship.

### HYMN: YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer,  
There is no more for heaven now to give,  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
For my life is wholly bound to his.*

*Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay;  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, His power is displayed.  
*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,  
Through the deepest valley He will lead,  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price it has been paid.

For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.*

*Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For He has said that He will bring me home;  
And day by day I know He will renew me,  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;  
All the glory evermore to Him.*

*When the race is complete, still my lips shall  
repeat:*

*Yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

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### BENEDICTION

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### DIARY, NEWS & PRAYER

For the next few weeks **BOTH** Morning and Evening Sunday Services will premiere on **YouTube** at 11 am and 7 pm. There will then be a Zoom-based informal fellowship after the evening service from 7.30 pm. Our evening theme is: **The Next Revival**. Tonight's message is on **Psalm 85 – Revive us Again**. The usual Zoom log-on details can be obtained from Martin ([office@freenorthchurch.org](mailto:office@freenorthchurch.org)).

This week our boys and girls are meeting on Zoom for five days exploring Bible stories with **BAGS OF DISCOVERY**. Each child should receive a bag with all they need for activities, fun and discovery.

**Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study:** on Zoom at 7.30 pm (use the same log on as for Sundays).

**Generation Prayer:** Pray this week for our sister churches at **Burghead** (where Peter Turnbull was ordained and inducted last Tuesday) and **Livingston** in West Lothian (where Nigel Anderson is the minister).

**Guy's Group:** Have you been reading Joe Barnard's book *The Way Forward?* We plan to start both an online and in-person gatherings for fellowship and discussion a couple of times a month from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August. The **online group** will meet on Zoom (usual log in) at **10.30 am**. Have your coffee ready! The **in-person group** (particularly aimed at younger men) will be held at Rob MacIver's home in Farr at **7 pm**. Please read chapter 1 of the book before we meet up. It will also be good to start a reading group for women in the autumn.

**Resuming in-person Services:** We will resume **Sunday Morning in-person services** in our church building from 11 am on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August. In-person worship will also be available on **Wednesdays** at 7.30 pm from the 19<sup>th</sup>. **Online worship** will be available at 11 am and 7 pm on Sundays and 7.30 pm on Wednesdays. No one should come to a meeting if they are unwell or have symptoms of Covid-19. Those attending must use hand sanitiser. Contact-tracing details will be recorded for each household. Our gatherings may not feel very normal to begin with as we must observe 2-meter social distancing and avoid singing. We are presently limited to a maximum of 50 attendees and so expect a booking system will be required. It will help us if you complete an **ONLINE SURVEY** available on our website, the Free North Facebook page and at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X7QNXXVV>. We must rely on God's grace as we go forward together in fellowship. Our priority is to maintain the worship of God and our mission to the city. If you are unable to attend in person perhaps you can join another household to share together in online worship?

The annual **Getty Sing Conference** (which requires a registration fee) is online from 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**Mission Partners:** Please explore the resources on the **Generation** website including the regularly updated podcast (<https://generation-mission.org/generation-podcast>). Pray for our partner **Suresh Vemulapalli**, of India Village Ministries, and for the work of the **Free Church of Central India**, and the **Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Dehradun** in Northern India. The pandemic is causing great suffering in India and many believers face persecution and poverty. There is also terrible flooding in Bangladesh.

**Prayer Needs:** Remember Julie Ferguson (recently in hospital for a lung infection) and Donald Stewart (also very poorly in Raigmore). Keep Bob Stewart and Belle in your prayers, as Bob is cared for at home.

**Free Church Books** has a summer sale. The 'SUMMER20READS' discount code offers 25% off the recommended price of many titles. Details at <https://thefree.church/books20sale>.

Pray for a movement of God in our City. Give thanks for all who have heard the gospel during lockdown.

If you need help of any sort, we would love to hear from you. Contact the minister (07 506 006 459; [angusmacrae1967@gmail.com](mailto:angusmacrae1967@gmail.com)), any elder or deacon, or the church office ([office@freenorthchurch.org](mailto:office@freenorthchurch.org)).

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