



SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2022

SERVICES ARE AT 11 AM & 6 PM (online & in-person).

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WELCOME TO THE FREE NORTH CHURCH, BANK STREET, INVERNESS

Welcome! We wish you a very happy Easter Sunday. We are glad you are with us at the Free North. As we worship God together we hope you will be encouraged to know and follow Jesus. If you are new at church or wish to find out more about the faith, please fill in a CONTACT CARD. You can use this to request a weekly email update, information on specific groups and courses, request a phone call or a visit, or find out about how you can serve God and use your gifts and talents in the life of the church. Speak to one of the service leaders, a member of the welcome team or send us an email or text if that is easier for you.

This **Easter Sunday** we have a **Guest Service** at 11 am and an **Easter Praise Night** at 6 pm. We usually stand for praise songs and sit for other items of worship. Feel free to participate fully in the service or simply to observe. **Refreshments** are served in the church hall after services. The use of a face covering at indoor church services is now a voluntary choice rather than a legal requirement. We respect and understand differing concerns around the risk of Covid, so please give space and consideration to each other. Social distancing is encouraged in the seats to the left and right at the back of the church. Please do not attend church if you are experiencing the symptoms of coronavirus. Visit our YouTube channel for live online worship and to listen again at home: www.youtube.com/c/FreeNorthChurchInverness.

EASTER SUNDAY – 11 AM GUEST SERVICE

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP (from 1 Peter 1:3-5)

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Minister: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRAISE: PSALM 100(1):1-5

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the LORD is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto:
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the LORD our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

(LM) - The Scottish Psalter of 1650.

TALK TO CHILDREN & LORD'S PRAYER

PRAISE: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

**Come, Children, join to sing
Christ, the Lord, is risen today!**

Hallelujah!

All creation join to say:

Hallelujah!

Raise your joys and triumphs high;

Hallelujah!

Sing, you heavens, and earth reply:

Hallelujah!

**Love's redeeming work is done!
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal:
Christ has burst the gates of hell.**

**Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died, our souls to save;
where's your victory, boasting grave?**

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PRAYER & UKRAINE 'SOULS' VIDEO

BIBLE READING: JOHN 20:1-22

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' ¹⁴ At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

¹⁷ Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The

disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

PRAISE: THINE BE THE GLORY

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son!
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death
hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone
away,
kept the folded grave-clothes,
where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son!
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death
hast won!*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and
gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of

triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth,
death has lost its sting:
Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince
of life;
life is nought without Thee: aid us in our
strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to Thy home above.
Thine be the glory...

SERMON: THE SHOCK OF EASTER

- 1). FEEL THE SHOCK OF EASTER.
- 2). FEEL THE CHALLENGE OF EASTER.

PRAISE: COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue
rejoice!*

*One heart, one voice; O Church of
Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning
sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,

And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.
Rejoice, Rejoice..!

Come, young and old from every land -
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands -
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all!"
Rejoice, Rejoice..!

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BENEDICTION

EASTER PRAISE– IN-PERSON & ON YOUTUBE TONIGHT AT 6 PM.

Followed by baking, sandwiches and a time of fellowship in the Church Hall.

DIARY, NEWS & PRAYER

Join us in the hall for drinks and refreshments and a chance to chat with others after our services. Tonight sandwiches and baking will be available in the hall offering a chance to catch up and have fellowship with each other in the church hall. Congratulations to **Anne Thompson**, on the safe arrival of a beautiful new granddaughter, **Iona Sarah Anne**, born in Edinburgh on 13th April.

Please take any free **Easter Resources** to help share your faith.

Staying in touch: Contact Angus, Carrie or any of the elders for pastoral support. Email office@freenorthchurch.org to request a weekly email update and to request Zoom log-on codes.

Giving: You can donate at our website (PayPal logo), in the offering plate, or directly to our "Free North Church" account (82-65-18, a/c 40246657). Enquiries to treasurer@freenorthchurch.org.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Join the **Women's Bible Study** at 10.30 am (Brenda MacLeod's, 81 Holm Park) and 7.45 pm (Mairi Macaulay's, 31 Harris Road) studying Genesis 3.

Tuesday: Our elders, deacons and associates meet in the hall at **7.00 pm** for training and to develop our vision for mission, facilitated by David Meredith, Mission Director for the Free Church. Please pray for our leadership team and for our gospel mission in this city.

Wednesday: The funeral of **Nan MacDonald** is at 12.15 pm followed by interment at Tomnahurich. The live link is not public but is available on request from the family or from Carrie and the AV team.

Wednesday: Monthly **Home Groups** meet for Bible Study and fellowship at 5 venues around the City at 7.30 pm, plus an online group on Zoom. **Pick up a Study Guide with details of venues and a link for the online group.**

Thursday: The funeral of **Barbara Morrison** is at John Fraser and Sons Funeral Home, Chapel Street, at 12.30 pm.

Thursday: Road to Recovery meets at 7.30 pm offering support to those recovering from addiction.

Friday: Online prayer on Zoom at 9 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next **Guys Group** is on Monday 25th April. It will help to have read *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, pages 169-181. The **Kirk Session** meets on Tuesday 26th April. **Monthly Home Groups** will meet on 18th May & 15th June 2022.

May Communion: Alasdair MacAulay (minister at Tain and Fearn FC) will join us on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May, as we share in a weekend of Bible teaching and celebrate communion.

NEWS & PRAYER TOPICS FROM THE WIDER CHURCH

Sign up at www.freechurch.org/prayer to receive a weekly **Praying for One Another** bulletin. This Easter Sunday the **Helensburgh Church Plant** begin weekly public services, led by Duncan Murchison. Jesus is at the very centre of a **healthy gospel church**. Pray that we can work together to see God's Church become increasingly healthy across Scotland and beyond. Our sister church in **Duirinish**, Skye, is now vacant. Pray for healthy gospel growth and renewed health for their former pastor, Rev David Miller. **Elgin** FC run a Tuesday drop-in café. They are working to deepen partnership and formal links with **Burghead** Free Church, with a view to church revitalisation throughout Morayshire. Lift up to God the ongoing conflict in **Ukraine**, asking God to restrain violence and evil and to grant his peace and blessing, and gospel power in the whole region.