

QUEENSFERRY PARISH CHURCH THURSDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opening Responses

Leader: Praise be to God, Creator of all things,

ALL: ALL PRAISE AND GLORY BE TO GOD.

Leader: Praise be to God for earth and sea and sky,

ALL: PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR SUN AND MOON
AND STARS.

Leader: Praise be to God for the brightness of a
summer's day,

ALL: PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR THE MILDNESS OF
THE SUMMER'S NIGHT.

Leader: Praise be to God for the sun rising in the eastern sky,

ALL: PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR THE SUNSET
LINGERING BEYOND THE WESTERN ISLES.

Leader: Praise be to God for days of energy and labour,

ALL: PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR DAYS OF REST
AND RECREATION.

Leader: Praise be to God for the familiarity of home,

ALL: PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR THE EXCITEMENT
OF NEW PLACES.

Leader: Glory be to you, O God of creation,

ALL: AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND
EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

Responsive reading of a Psalm – Psalm 71:1-6

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings. (SILENCE)

Leader: We are here, God
in this moment, in this place
and we thank you that you are here with us.

ALL: YOU KNOW US GOD
WE DO NOT HAVE TO PRETEND WITH YOU.

Leader: In the silence of your love, we bring you
the things that trouble us
that harm us
that make us feel ashamed or afraid
God have mercy on us

ALL: CHRIST HAVE MERCY ON US

Leader: Listen to the words of Jesus,
words that we can trust:
'Don't be afraid
Your sins are forgiven
I love you
Come and follow me.'
Thanks be to God.
AMEN

Leader: And now as Jesus taught us, we pray,
(LORD'S PRAYER)

Prayer, with opportunity for extempore prayer.

Concluding with:

Leader: Lord, give us wisdom before we speak,
understanding while we listen,
sensitivity towards those we meet,
and the perspective of your kingdom,
in which to see the things of earth.
Bring us to the day's ending
Blessed through having shared the day's beginning.
In Christ's name we ask this.

ALL: AMEN.

Closing Responses:

Leader: For loving the world and knowing our names
ALL: THANK YOU GOD

Leader: For your strength that fills us
and your love that heals us
ALL: THANK YOU GOD

Leader: For your presence here with us today
and for your hand that leads us into tomorrow
ALL: THANK YOU GOD

Leader: Come bless us, hold us, wrestle with us
warm us in your embrace
ALL: FOR WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE
AND YOU ARE OUR JUSTICE AND JOY
AMEN.

Word of God and a reflection on the reading – Luke 13:10-17