



St John the Evangelist

Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh
A community of welcome in the Borders

28th July 2024

Pentecost 10

10.00 EUCHARIST

*Celebrant: **Revd. Andi Hofbauer***

Hymn 104

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

PREPARATION

(page 1, blue service book)

Collect

O God, whose providence orders all things in heaven and earth: keep from us everything harmful, and lead us to all that is good; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(page 4, blue service book)

Reading:

2 Kings 4:42 – 44

(p. 360, pew Bible)

Psalms 145

You open wide your hands, O Lord, and satisfy our needs.

Hymn 277

Bread of the world

Gospel:

John 6:1 – 21

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Peace

Hymn

Great God, your love has called us here

- 1 Great God, your love has called us here,
As we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear
Though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
Your call to hear, your love to find.
- 2 We come with self-inflicted pains
Of broken trust and chosen wrong,
Half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
By social forces swept along,
By powers and systems close confined,
Yet seeking hope for humankind.
- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name
And then receive us as your own,
Not through some merit, right or claim,
But by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
And find you kneeling at our feet.
- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,
And humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
And show how grandly love intends
To work till all creation sings,
To fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free
Your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us the Spirit's liberty
To turn from guilt and dull despair
And offer all that faith can do,
While love is making all things new.

Brian Arthur Wren (1936 -)

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

(page 7, blue service book)

At Communion: *there is hand gel on the way to the altar rail for those who wish to handle the chalice themselves. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine).*

Prayer after *We use prayer (b) on page 30:*

Communion **“Father of all, we give you thanks ... ”**

Hymn 476 Ye servants of God

Blessing and Dismissal

We pray especially today for

Syd Farquharson, Grace Lancaster and Linda Grant

Dear Friends and people of God,

‘There is not enough.’ That it is how the disciples are looking at the world in today’s gospel reading. They see a hungry crowd, very scarce resources, and have no idea what to do.

But Jesus does not act by the rules of world. And so, in this great story, Jesus teaches us a different way of looking at the world, a new way, and that is through the lens of abundance, not of scarcity. For here is Jesus asking, ‘Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’ and then turning little into a lot. And all ate, and were filled, and they collected twelve baskets full of leftovers.

We, my friends, are Jesus’ hands, his eyes, his heart, his feet, called to see the need and want, called to let our feet take us to the hard places, called to let our hearts swell with compassion, called to use our hands to reach out, to heal, to bless, to give. We, my friends, are to read this gospel miracle to be reminded that what we have is much more than five loaves and two fish. That what we have is Jesus. And that Jesus is always enough. For Jesus is always willing to take whatever meagre gifts we are

willing to share, and bless them, and us, as we share them with the world.

So let us also go away into the new week pondering where our Lord might call us to be his hands, his feet, his eyes, his heart. And let us seek for and use the opportunities to keep proclaiming, in many and various ways, that with Jesus there is always enough:

Enough love. Enough hope. Enough grace. Enough faith. And enough time, talent, and treasure, too. Enough of all that matters, and all that our world hungers for.

So let us come to Jesus, wherever we are today, and be fed with the living bread from heaven, which alone can feed your hungry souls. And then let us go, in the name of Jesus, to feed the hungry of our world with bread that satisfies, bread to eat, and bread from heaven, too.

Sharing what we have – our faith, hope, and love, and our time, talent, and treasure. And never doubting that with Jesus, what we have, what we give, and what we are will always be more than enough.

With all my love and prayers: Andi

Priest-in-Charge

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at the end of the downstairs corridor.

Our welcomers have the key to the front door.

BEATITUDES Summer study group

Next session: Thursday 1/8, 10.45am after the midweek service.