

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
CURRIE KIRK
WHERE FAITH AND LIFE CROSS PATHS

ORDER OF SERVICE Sunday 2 January 2022



Gathering Time

Time to greet one another and prepare for Worship

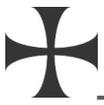
Please stand for the entry of the Bible.

Welcome & Church Notices

Call to WORSHIP

Lord, your constant love is better than life itself,
so I will praise you
I will give you thanks, as long as I live.
I will raise my hand to you in prayer.
I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

(Psalm 63:3-5)



Opening Responses

Leader: We gather here in your presence God

All: In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world

Leader: We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus

All: And you know by experience what human life is like

Leader: We come to you with our faith and with our doubts

All: We come with our Hopes and with our fears

Leader: We come as we are because you invite us to come

All: And you have promised never to turn us away

Leader: Spirit of the Living God, be present with us now

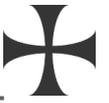
All: That we may worship you in body, mind, and Spirit

HYMN 96 *Thou art before me Lord thou art behind*

Tune Highland Cathedral

Prayer

Spirit of The Living Christ,
At this new beginning of a New Year
We offer you the hard year behind us
Through all the events since the Pandemic
Our souls have reached out in many directions
And we recognise our inner poverty and our need
For your love to help, sustain and comfort us.



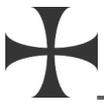
Yet You are already close
It is your healing touch which enfolds us
In the midst of vulnerability and all our humanity.

You accompany us
When our faith falters
Or when failures overwhelm
When our bodies are in pain
When self-esteem seems lost
When relationships have grown apart
When our souls are simply restless
When doubt and uncertainty are all around,
Still, you call us to you

Spirit of the Living Christ,
We thirst for your presence
It is Your healing love which enfolds us
Meet us here in the searching of our minds
And in every deep longing of our hearts.

Let us share the prayer you taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, the glory for ever. Amen.



Isaiah 52:7-10

New International Version

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy.

When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

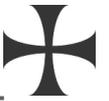
The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Luke 2: 22, 25-31—Jesus is Presented in the Temple

New International Version

22 When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would



not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

HYMN 755 Be Still and Know

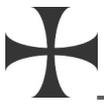
Meditation

HYMN 702 Lord, in love and perfect wisdom
verses 1 and 3 only

Confirmation into Membership of the Church
Mr Alan Forsyth

Prayers for Healing and Renewal for 2022
(Adapted from Iona)

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes for us. (Romans 26:19)



*As the sparkling dew refreshes the earth, so revive us O
Lord our God. (Isaiah 26: 19)*

Lord God, Giver of life, and forgiver of the living
We give you thanks for places of healing all over the world
**Places where we can be still, and discover afresh the
wonder and immensity of your Love.**

We hold in Your healing presence those who
suffer ill health,
their families, friends and all who care for and
watch over them.

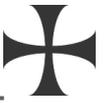
May they know the deep peace of Christ

We hold in Your healing presence those who are struggling
in mind, or spirit; those who have carried pain for many
years; those who know they only have a short time to live;
those who await an operation and all who care for and
watch over them

May they know the deep peace of Christ

As Jesus walked with the wounded and the weary, we hold
in Your healing presence the suffering people of our world,
those bruised and broken by division, injustice and
violence: those in captivity; those fleeing oppression;
those in need of hope or a home. In every form distress
or turmoil,

May they know the deep peace of Christ



We hold in Your healing presence those struggling to overcome addiction or abuse, those supporting and working with them, and all whose suffering has distanced them from those who love:

May they know the deep peace of Christ

May your Spirit aid and guide nurses, doctors and those who work in every part of our Health Service here and across the world. We hold in Your healing presence, all those of every age who are hurt or bereaved.

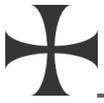
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God Emmanuel,
your presence brings light to the darkest places.
**Come, refresh, and renew us as we offer prayers for the
year ahead**

A Music Video Will play

Closing Prayer

Lord God we give thanks for prayers answered
We give thanks for wholeness restored
We celebrate Your countless gifts in days and nights
In rainbows and rain
In partners who love
In friends who listen
In children who giggle
In relatives who cuddle
In food on the table
Yet above all

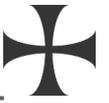


In Your coming among us
Walking our roads
Calling our names
Enfolding our lives
Inviting us home
Let this New Year resound with songs
And our lives ring with joy
For you are Emmanuel, God-with-us
Yesterday, today and forever Amen
(by Peter Millar)

Blessing

Watch now, dear Lord
Over those who wake or sleep
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ
Rest your weary ones
Soothe your suffering ones
Shield your joyous ones
And for all your love's sake
May the God of hope fill us
With all joy and peace in believing
That we may abound in hope
In the power of the Holy Spirit

Please remain standing as the Bible is removed



Dear Friends

I had wanted to try to find a way to begin 2022 together which might help us to let go of (or lament) these past months, since March 2020 have proved to be, for everyone, of any age or background, a difficult and uncertain time.

We look forward to 2022 with hope and aspiration, but we cannot do so without acknowledging the highs and lows behind us—how many things cancelled or lost.

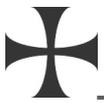
The Gospels tell us a lot about Jesus' relationships with people. Christ's ministry of healing took place on many levels of mind and body, because he was always concerned to help create a life of wholeness. Through His ministry, the healing touch of divine love and forgiveness reached the deepest places of people's lives.

Prayer lies at the heart of Christ's ministry of healing. When we pray, we are joining with God in the work of redeeming and transfiguring our communities and our world. Through prayer, we are not seeking to change God, but to open up the possibility of God's Divine healing energy to enter our lives.

Our scriptures help us recall the most incredible and inspired words which are true, even in the most painful of situations, even during the uncertainties and losses caused by a Pandemic Crisis that seems to drag on and on.

Every one of us has faced troubles. Yet in the power of the Holy Spirit, God can make us instruments of healing. Healing and renewal, revitalising our spiritual life can come in different ways. As we enter into this New Year of 2022, let us not doubt, for one moment the power of prayer. For God can indeed enter our hearts and minds, our families, communities and Church and renew us, invigorate us, heal us, and make us whole.

With every blessing, Easter



Edinburgh
 **Direct Aid**

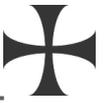
**An Emergency Appeal from
Edinburgh Direct Aid**

Getting through the winter in a flimsy tented shack in deep snow at an altitude around that of Ben Nevis was never easy. But this year, in the collapsed economy of Lebanon, with the removal of government subsidies on fuel, little support from UNHCR, and no employment, the situation is critical. Next week temperatures will drop below zero. It is estimated that \$345 will be needed to provide each and every family with enough heating oil to survive this winter's bitter cold.

Edinburgh Direct Aid is working with local charities to provide fuel for as many families as it can, while lobbying much bigger NGOs to help avert this impending disaster. But calls on their resources are many, and time is short.

Donations can be made by phoning 0131 552 1545, or through the EDA website <https://edinburghdirectaid.org/Winter%20Emergency/WinterEmergency2021-2.htm> (where you can read more about this)

**Edinburgh Currie Kirk (Church of Scotland)
Charity No. SC001554.**



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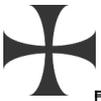
Services in January

9 January	Rev Easter Smart with Canon Mike Parker
16 January	Rev Easter Smart
23 January	Rev Easter Smart
30 January	Rev Easter Smart

Kirk News

Please note that articles for the February/March Kirk News should be with the Editor by **Friday 21st January**

Distributors: The magazine will be ready for distribution on Sunday 30 January



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If you would like to arrange a meeting, or let her know if someone is ill, has gone into hospital or has returned home she can be contacted by telephone on 0131 449 4719

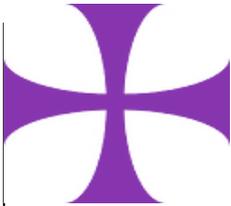
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Welcome leaflets are available in the Reception area for anyone who is visiting or new to the area.



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*[Please hand this form to
Rev Dr Easter Smart]*

PASTORAL TEAM REFERRAL

Name for referral: _____

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Reason for referral: _____

Any other helpful information? _____

Referral made by : _____