

# ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



Arise, O God, and judge the earth; for thou dost pass all nations through thy sieve.

(Psalm 82: 8)

**Order of Service**  
**14<sup>th</sup> August 2022**  
**10.30am**

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Good morning and welcome to everyone who has joined us on-line at St. Ninian's this morning. We hope you will enjoy our worship of God together today. As a congregation our mission is to, **'Worship God together, encourage personal faith and prayer, spread the Good News about Jesus Christ, and love and care for others in our community.'** If you are a visitor, there is a **visitors' book** at the front door, please sign it. After the service we have **fellowship** in the Martin Shields Hall, please join us.

There is no **crèche** or **Sunday School** over the summer months. They will return on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August. The minister leading worship is **Rev. James Aitken**. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. The reader this morning is **Susanne Hope**.

St. Ninian's uses the Revised Common Lectionary is an approved week-by-week three-year cycle of biblical readings. The readings lead us from Advent through the Christian year, the Bible, and Jesus' life through birth, baptism, his public ministry, his death, resurrection and ascension.

## INTROIT

## ENTRANCE

The service begins with a **sentence from the Bible** (1 Peter 2: 16), a **call to stand** (please do so if you are able to), an **introit** from the choir, and the **entrance of the Bible**. For the rest of the service the words in bold are read or sung by everyone. We sit to pray and stand to sing.

## WELCOME, INTIMATIONS and SHARING OF THE PEACE

We welcome one another with Christ's words, 'Peace be with you'.

## APPROACH TO GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: In the beginning, before time, before people,  
before the world began.

**All: God was.**

Minister: Here and now, among us, beside us,  
closer than air, closer than breathing.

**All: God is.**

Minister: In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust,  
and human knowledge has been completed.

**All: God will be.**

Minister: Not despairing of the earth, but delighting in it,  
not condemning the world, but redeeming it  
through Jesus Christ, and in the community of a spirit of holiness.

**All: God was, God is, God will be.**

## HYMN 518 'Lift up your hearts'

### PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, LORD'S PRAYER

We continue our worship celebrating what God has given us while apologizing for what we have done to harm God his creation and his people.

**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, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 82

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Luke 12: 49 - 56

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**HYMN 666** Let all mortal flesh keep silence

*The readings this morning remind us that God lived on earth in Christ, close to us, to learn about injustice rather than at a distance as others do. And, once he knows us, he also comes to judge us and enact change.*

SERMON

**HYMN 537** We do not hope to ease our minds

*This hymn reminds us of the purpose of the Christian faith – to be good news to those who too often only hear bad news. We learned this hymn over four weeks in March this year.*

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Freely given, our offering supports the work of Christ's church and symbolises our spiritual dedication to the building-up of the Kingdom of God. We remain seated to sing our dedication (**CH4 807**) -*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, LAMENT & INTERCESSION

*We give thanks for our blessings, and cry out for help for others and ourselves. During the prayers, there is a congregational response:*

Minister: Lord, in your mercy

**Congregation: Hear our prayer**

## SENDING OUT

### **HYMN 706**

For the healing of the nations

*The readings this morning reminded us of society's injustices and divisions, but our faith teaches us how to repair injustice and reconcile division. We finish with a hymn that joyfully celebrates healing through reconciliation.*

### BENEDICTION

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**