

Palmerston Place Church

*"bringing Christian worship, fellowship
and service back to the heart of everyday life"*

Rev Colin A M Sinclair BA BD

**Morning Worship
Sunday 25 March 2007**

Theme: " *Amazing Grace* "



Prayer before worship

*"Lord you have called your church
to shine as a light in a dark and needy world.
Help it to stand for justice, truth and freedom.*

*May it bring help and hope
to the poor and the powerless
and to the outcast and oppressed.
May it maintain a bold and fearless witness
in face of tyranny and wrong,
and point to Jesus,
the world's true Liberator.*

In his name"

Amen

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Order of Service

Organ Voluntaries A Quiet Prelude - Robert Powell
Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, Op. 135a - Max Reger

Welcome and notices

Introit Praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord
(Psalm 134) - Ian White

Call to Worship

HYMN MP 33

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He left His Father's throne above
so free, so infinite His grace
emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free.
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold, I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
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Prayer

Children's Talk

HYMN MP 85

Come and see, come and see,
come and see the King of love;
see the purple robe
and crown of thorns He wears.
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer
as He lifts the cruel cross;
lone and friendless now,
He climbs towards the hill.

*We worship at Your feet,
where wrath and mercy meet,
and a guilty world is washed
by love's pure stream.
For us He was made sin -
oh, help me take it in.
Deep wounds of love cry out,
'Father, forgive.'
I worship, I worship
the Lamb who was slain.*

Come and weep, come and mourn
for your sin that pierced Him there;
so much deeper than the wounds
of thorn and nail.
All our pride, all our greed,
all our fallenness and shame;
and the Lord has laid the punishment on Him.
We worship at Your feet...

Man of heaven, born to earth
to restore us to Your heaven.
Here we bow in awe
beneath Your searching eyes.
From Your tears comes our joy,
from Your death our life shall spring;
by Your resurrection power
we shall rise.
We worship at Your feet...

*Graham Kendrick @ 1989 Make Way Music
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***** Children's Blessing *****

Anthem

Grant us Thy peace - Felix Mendelssohn

Lesson

Luke 4: 14-30 Page 1031/Large Print Page 1190

The Offering

Prayers of Dedication
and Intercession

HYMN MP 806

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer:
bread for the children, justice, joy, peace;
sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills;
land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray:
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain;
come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share;
peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
until your justice burns brightly again;
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray:
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain;
come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

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Sermon

HYMN MP 31

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.
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BENEDICTION

Organ Voluntary

Canzonetta on *Horsley* - Eric Thiman

Thank you for coming today
Do stay behind for refreshments in the church at the end of the Service

NOTICES

WELCOME to visitors worshipping with us today. We hope you will sign our Visitors' Book in the vestibule

SOUND SYSTEM There is an effective *loop* in the church. Hearing aid users may wish to use the T switch.

TEA AND COFFEE will be served in the church after the closing voluntary. All are welcome to enjoy fellowship together.

GUIDED TOUR - of our buildings today at 12.15 pm - £5 (students and children £3) - all proceeds to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

EASTER POSIES Anyone who would like to help with the preparation of posies for church on Easter Sunday can collect a bag of materials from the Lothian Room on Sundays 25 March and 1 April. Please add your name to the list there. New volunteers, male and female, young and old, are very welcome to join in! A list for volunteers has also been left there for those who are able to help with setting out the posies on the morning of Saturday 7 April.

EVENING SERVICE tonight at 6.30 pm, the theme - "The Palace - a place of injustice".

SUNDAY EVENING EXTRA takes place after the Evening Service in the lounge in Annan House. All welcome.

BRIDGING THE GAP meet on Tuesday 27 March at 7.30 pm in Annan House (next door to the church) for its final meeting of the session. All young people aged 14-22 are welcome.

EARLY BIRDS' PRAYER MEETING - Wednesday 28 March at 7.00 am in Annan House, 10 Palmerston Place. (Finish 7.30 am) All welcome.

P.P.P. Palmerston Place People meet on Wednesday 28 March at 12.15 pm when Mrs Audrey Brown will tell us about her experience of taking lunch at Buckingham Palace.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB meet on Thursday 29 March in Annan House at 2.00 pm. All senior citizens will be made very welcome.

HITCH-HIKERS GUIDE to the Apostle Paul meet on **Thursday** 29 March at 7.30 pm in the Carlow Room. All welcome.

FRESH START The Haddonfield Chamber Choir are giving a concert in support of Fresh Start on Monday 2 April at 7.30 pm in Dean Parish Church.

KIRK SESSION MEETING The Kirk Session Meeting scheduled for Monday 2 April has been cancelled. Minutes of the March Meeting are to be found in the pigeon holes.

THE EASTER PLAY will be held in West Princes Street Gardens on Saturday 7 April at 2.30 pm. Free - no tickets required.

ORIGIN SCOTLAND presents "Resurrection 07" on Sunday 8 April at 7 pm. Venue Highland Hall, Ingliston. Admission Free. (See City Wide Notice Board.

PRAYER FOR EASTER PLAY AND "RESURRECTION" (above two events) Please come to the Charlotte Chapel, Rose Street at 7.30 pm any Tuesday evening to hear about both of the above events and to pray effectively for them.

PASTORAL CARE Mr Sinclair can be contacted at either the Church Office on 220 1690 or at home on 447 9598. The address of the Manse is 30b Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh EH10 6BJ.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

1 April	11.00 am	Palm Sunday Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service "The Cross - a place of forgiveness"
5 April	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service in the Carlow Room in Annan House, 10 Palmerston Place
6 April	6.00 am	Joint Service with St Mary's Cathedral at St Mary's
	11.00 am	All Age Easter Service
	3.00 pm	Sutherland Street Service
	6.30 pm	Easter Reflection

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Order of Service
Theme "*Experiencing the Passion*"

Organ Voluntaries Chorale Prelude on *St Peter* - Harold Darke
Prelude on *The Old Rugged Cross* - John Innes

Welcome and
Call to Worship

HYMN CH3 220 O sing a song of Bethlehem

Prayer

HYMN MP 481 Name of all majesty

Notices

Reading Matthew 27: 11-31 Page 998/Large Print 1152

Reflection

Intercessory Prayer

HYMN MP 750 What kind of love is this

Sermon The Palace - a place of injustice

HYMN CH3 218 There's a wideness in God's mercy
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BENEDICTION

Organ Voluntary Prelude on *Rockingham* - Kenneth Leighton