



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 1 October 2023

Thank you for joining our Sunday worship with Inverurie West Parish Church. Whether you are joining us online or in-person; as a newcomer, occasional visitor, or regular, we are delighted to have you with us. Today we both celebrate the harvest and the beginning of the great Exodus of the people of Israel from Egypt as we think about what it means to be settled or unsettled.

Call To Worship

COME YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE COME (CH4 233)

Opening Prayer (Including the Lord's prayer)

Our heavenly father
May your holy name be honoured
May your kingdom come
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today what we really need
Forgive us the wrong we do
as we forgive those who wrong us

Lead us away from temptation
Keep us safe from evil

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours forever
Amen

Intro to the Word

IF YOU'RE THANKFUL AND YOU KNOW IT

Reading 1: Exodus 1: 8-14; 3: 1-15

Read by Liz Young

8 Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. 9 “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. 10 Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

11 So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.

12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites 13 and worked them ruthlessly. 14 They made their lives bitter with harsh labour in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

Exodus 3: 1-15

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

5 “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” 6 Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

12 And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

14 God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

15 God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

Reflection

PRAISE GOD FOR THE HARVEST OF ORCHARD AND FIELD (CH4 230)

Prayer

News

FOR THE FRUITS OF ALL CREATION (CH4 231)

Grace

Blessing

News

Our Harvest collection today is for the work of Christian Aid and the North Aberdeenshire Foodbank.

Encounter magazines are ready for uplift

Orders of service for each week should now be viewable on the WestCast page of our church website for those who like to know what is coming up or who want to check back on announcements or intimations. Please let Rhona, Alan Harrow or Chris Gardner know if you have any issues accessing these so we can try to fix any problems. Orders of service also appear as images on Facebook each week but these can be small and hard to see!

Bible Study - our Zoom bible study continues on Wednesday evening at 730 pm. This session we will be looking at different ways of reading the bible following a book called "How we eat bread" by Miranda Threlfall-Holmes. It isn't necessary to buy the book for the study, and you don't need any background or bible expertise to be part of the group which is informal and has amazing discussions. If you've never tried bible study before, this might be the time!

Exploring faith/membership - It's been a while since we've had what they used to call 'new communicants'. This means adults (or older teenagers) who would like to explore the basics of our faith and/or prepare to take the step of becoming a Church of Scotland member by profession of faith. If God is giving you a nudge this way and you'd like to find out more, please speak to Rhona.

Italian evening - Friday 6th October 2023. Join us for an evening of fine food, great hospitality, music and song at the Acorn Centre. Doors open 7pm. Bring Your Own Alcohol - Soft Drinks Bar Available £20 per person. Tickets from the reception desk.

Foodbank Wish List - The North Aberdeenshire Foodbank is continuing to experience real shortages of some of their key items as demand outstrips supply. If you can help, this month they are in particular need of: UHT Milk (full cream /semi-skimmed); Tinned vegetables; Tinned Fruit; Tinned fish; Jam/Marmalade; Jars of sauce; Chocolate (100g bars);

Deodorant; Soap, Toothpaste

Practical help - if you, or anyone you know need shopping, errands etc done, we have lots of volunteers keen to help. For assistance ring Joyce Petrie on 01467 620932 or email help@inveruriewestchurch.org

For prayer requests, joys and concerns, or content which you would like shared on Sunday, please email Rhona on r.cathcart@inveruriewestchurch.org by Saturday night, or you can text her on her mobile.

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