

Jazz Vespers online

from The Gayton Kirk

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5 pm



Arguing is a piece of digital artwork by Lorenzo Rossi which was uploaded on November 19th, 2019.

Music

The Gayton Kirk Jazz Trio
- Joe Sarver, Bruce Sullivan, Ross Riddell -

God's greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we proclaim . . .

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

God stretched the heavens across the sky;
let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

**God raised mountains above the depths;
let us gather in wonder before them.**

No one can compare to you, O God.
Human language cannot fully describe you.
Still, you became human,
and with words we could understand
you called us to serve one another
and showed us love even to death.
Invite us once more into this mystery of our faith,
that we may all, in our own ways,
offer ourselves to one another. **Amen.**

It is only by the power of God
that we are able to stand against evil.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**O Lord, you have taught us
that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant,
and whoever seeks to be first
must be last and servant of all.**

**Still, O Lord, we are like James and John,
seeking seats of glory.
We organize our lives around ladders to climb,
not realizing that we are stepping on people whom you love.
Forgive us, O Christ, and teach us to follow in your way,
for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

Let us stand firm in your faith,
covered by the saving grace of God
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

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Scripture

Sally Wambold

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts
and your Spirit govern our lives
until at last we see the fulfillment
of your realm of justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mark 10: 35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Art

please see front cover

Larry Bedford

Words

Sally Wambold

A **fixer** (author unknown)

*A fixer has the illusion of being causal.
A server knows he or she is being used
in the service of something greater,
essentially unknown*

*We fix something specific.
We serve always the something:
wholeness and the mystery of life.*

*Fixing and helping are the work of the ego.
Serving is the work of the soul.*

*When you help, you see life as weak.
When you fix, you see life as broken.
When you serve, you see life as whole.*

*Fixing and helping may cure.
Serving heals.*

*When I help, I feel satisfaction.
When I serve, I feel gratitude.*

*Fixing is a form of judgment.
Serving is a form of connection.*

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Holy Communion

The Rev. Russ Kerr
Elder Ross Riddell

*(Our communion bread is gluten free, and we use juice in lieu of wine.
Those at home are encouraged to set aside bread or bread substitute and
wine or wine substitute to join us for communion.)*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:
You know the pain of the afflicted;
you hear the cries of the oppressed
and satisfy them with long life and salvation.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, Holy, Holy Tune: Tracy Fedke, b. 1975 arr: Koiné

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.

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Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na! _

Ho-san - na! Ho - san-na in the high - est! Ho-san - na! _

Ho-san - na! _ Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!

_____ Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! _____

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:
Jesus drank the cup of suffering and sorrow;
for our sake, he received the baptism of death
and gave his life as a ransom for sin.

Remembering your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we share this joyful feast.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and cup;
make us one in the body and blood
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Teach us to turn to Christ, our great high priest,
who knows our weakness and waywardness
and yet prays with loud cries for our salvation.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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,
forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion is shared

*After we receive the bread and the cup,
let us eat the bread but hold the cup and drink together.*

Prayer After Communion

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Closing Words

Russ Kerr

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THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 9:45 AM - Outdoor Worship (weather-permitting) - in-person
- 9:45 AM - "Silencing White Noise" class - in-person (*led by Barbara Crump*)
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers Discussion - in person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 6:00 PM - Jazz Vespers Fellowship - in-person

MONDAY OCTOBER 21

- 11:00 AM - Coffee and Scripture - Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 1:30 PM - Creative Expressions - in-person (*led by Sandra O'Neill*)

TUESDAY OCTOBER 22

- 1:55 AM - Kirktown Ukes - in-person (*Kay Cox and Tina Bechtle*)
- 1:00 PM - Bridge and Learn to Play Bridge - in-person (*Ellen Welthy and Tina Bechtle*)
- 7:00 PM - Zoom Book Group - Zoom (*led by Cecelia Fitzgerald*) - The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store, by James McBride

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23

- 12:30 PM - Midday Prayer Service (*in the spirit of Taize*) - in-person

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24

- 9:30 AM - Tai Chi - in-person (*led by Steve Sawyer*)
- 10:30 AM - Chair Yoga - in-person (*led by Robin Ricketts*)
- 5:30 PM - Handbells

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25

- 9:30 AM - Art Show Take Down/Set-Up

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27 - CENTSABILITY SUNDAY

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 9:45 AM - Outdoor Worship (weather-permitting) - in-person
- 9:45 AM - "Silencing White Noise" class - in-person (*led by Barbara Crump*)
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 12:30 PM - Lunch and Learn - "Keeping Yourself Safe" - in-person (*led by Cheryl O'Connell*)
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers Discussion - in person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 6:00 PM - Jazz Vespers Fellowship - in-person