

Skene Parish Church – Service Sheet
Monday 13th March 2023

Joint Sunday Service Details

March 19th
Worship 11.15am Skene Kirk

March 26th
Worship 11am Kingswell Church

April 2nd
Worship 10.30am Trinity Church

Trustees are reminded that we have a joint meeting on Tuesday 14th March at Trinity Church at 7.15pm to review and approve the annual accounts and trustees' report for 2022.

Our Lenten Lunch this week is at Trinity Church at 12.30pm and we are hosting.

Opening Prayer

*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 and the glory, forever ... Amen.*

Call to Worship

Come to the Lord whose love is better than life, to the One who satisfies, sustains and supports.
 Come to worship, to think, to spend these moments when we honour God, who is over all. Amen

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737 Will your anchor hold	By faith we see the hand of God	511 Your hand oh Lord has guided	198 All are welcome	462 The King of Love

Crowder – Come as you are <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PE6QXWFL6jY>
 Sidewalk Prophets – Come to the Table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>
 Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor - Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Keith & Kristyn Getty
<https://youtu.be/L7yVB9Ez74Q>
 Holy Overshadowing by Graham Kendrick <https://youtu.be/8irzioaRPF1>

God's Word

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Matthew 7:24-29	Matthew 8:1-13	Matthew 8:14-34	Matthew 9:1-17	Matthew 9:18-38

Reflection by Callum Ross

Who is coming to dinner?

I'm certain you've probably thought about the age old question, if you could have anyone join you for a dinner party who would you invite? It could be anyone real or fictional. Would you choose the great and the good? Perhaps maybe your favourite authors or celebrities, or the characters they played or created?

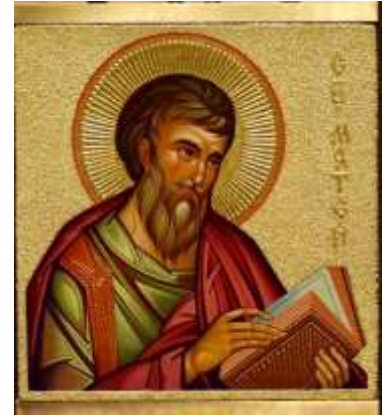
It might just be that you would choose members of your family that you never got the chance to know. It's a fun mental exercise, and if I was to give you my list it would probably include three figures that have had a big



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influence on my life; the theologian Karl Barth, the astronomer Sir Patrick Moore, and the chef Antony Bourdain.

Whoever you would choose I'm fairly certain we would all likely stay clear of the less savoury of characters. Well, not in the case of Jesus. In our readings for this week we find him around the table with those who would not be at the top of anyone's Sunday lunch schedule! In fact the disciples when questioned about his choice in company are asked "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" (New Living Translation). He is surrounded by all those that would draw the ire of those that would see themselves as being holy. Yet we see in scripture time and again it is those on the outskirts of society that respond the fastest to what Jesus is saying. Matthew's calling comes in the middle of a series of miracles, where lives are being changed by the power of faith in Christ. Healing the skin of lepers, curing paralysis, breaking fevers, making demons flee, saving a girl from death, making the blind see, and even taking command over the wind and waves.



Matthew's call is no less a miracle than any of these things, it is an insight into coming salvation that Jesus would bring about on Calvary. A man who is reject and vilified for the job that he does as a tax collector, a hated position in the community for its links to the Romans, for its ill treatment of others for their own financial gain, for cheating and stealing, is called by Jesus to follow and he does. He leaves behind that life and begins the work of inviting others to hear what Jesus offers. By inviting them to the table to eat with, to ask, and to listen to Son of God. We too are invited to that same table, time and time again. Regardless of our backgrounds, our history, our sins, we are invited to sit with the one who has redeemed us through mercy and love.

"Come to the table / Come join the sinners who have been redeemed / Take your place beside the Saviour / Sit down and be set free / Come to the table"

Prayer

Holy, loving God we give you thanks for calling Matthew to follow you.

Enable us Lord to answer your call in our lives as easily as he did.

We thank you for your grace and love in the welcome that you show to us at your table.

Help us Lord to share this with all in our community.

Inviting all, to come as they are, to join in banquet that you have prepared for all of us.

Amen.

Commission & Benediction for Lent (by Nathan Nettleton)

Go now, and live in the spirit of your baptism, even when you are led into wild and hard places.

With repentance and trust, give yourselves to God, and with fasting and prayer, strengthen yourselves against the ways of the tempter.

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And may God enfold you in tender and lasting love. May Christ be beside you in times of struggle. And may the Spirit guide you back to the path whenever you stray, that you may keep the covenant.

Amen