PARISH OF WEST MORAY - KINLOSS - SUNDAY - 9th MARCH 2025

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn - MP 225 - He's got the whole wide world in His hands

 He's got the whole wide world in His hands,
 He's got the whole wide world in His hands,
 He's got the whole wide world in His hands,
 He's got the whole world in His hands.

2. He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

3. He's got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

4. He's got you and me, brother in His hands, He's got you and me, brother in His hands, He's got you and me, brother in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

Baptism

Hymn – MP 501 - O Jesus, I have promised

 O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; be Thou for ever near me, my Master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

 O let me feel Thee near me; the world is ever near;
 I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
 but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul. 4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised, To all who follow Thee, that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; O give me grace to follow my Master and my friend.

5. O let me see Thy footmarks, O let and in them plant mine own; my hope to follow duly is in Thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my friend!

Reading: Ephesians 4: 1 - 16 - ¹ As a prisoner for the Lord. then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." 9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Prayer

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn - MP 41 - At the name of Jesus

 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now.
 'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

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 Mighty and mysterious in the highest height, God from everlasting, very Light of light.
 In the Father's bosom, with the spirits blest, love, in love eternal, rest, in perfect rest.

3. Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom He came; faithfully He bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death He passed.

 Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
 through all ranks of creatures, to the central height;
 to the throne of Godhead,
 to the Father's breast,
 filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

 In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; crown Him as your Captain in temptation's hour, let His will enfold you in its light and power.

 Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with His angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow, and our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

Dedication of the Offering

Hymn - MP 628 - Tell me the old, old story

 Tell me the old, old story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
 Tell me the story simply, as to a little child, for I am weak and weary, and helpless and defiled.
 Tell me the old, old story, tell me the old, old story, tell me the old, old story of Jesus and His love. 2. Tell me the story slowly, that I may take it in – that wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin. Tell me the story often, for I forget so soon: the early dew of morning has passed away at noon. Tell me the old, old story,

3. Tell me the story softly, with earnest tones and grave; Remember! I'm the sinner whom Jesus came to save. Tell me the story always, if you would really be, in any time of trouble, a comforter to me. Tell me the old, old story,

4. Tell me the same old story, when you have cause to fear that this world's empty glory is costing me too dear.
Yes, and when that world's glory is dawning on my soul, tell me the old, old story;
'Christ Jesus makes you whole.' Tell me the old, old story,

Benediction & Amen

Hymn - MP 460 – May God's blessing

May God's blessing surround you each day, as you trust Him and walk in His way. May His presence within guard and keep you from sin, go in peace, go in joy, go in love.