

On 29th of May the service ...

... for Aberdalgie and Forteviot is being taken by worship leaders in A+F; and

... for Aberuthven and Dunning is in Aberuthven which is celebrating 170 years in the village and - a year late because of Covid! - the 30th anniversary of the current building.

Please remember them in your prayers

Spirit of God unseen as the wind

Gentle as is the dove

Teach us the truth and help us believe

Show us the Saviour's love

You spoke to us long long ago

gave us the written word

we read it still needing its truth

through it God's voice is heard

Spirit of God

Without Your help we fail our Lord

we cannot live His way

we need Your power we need Your strength

following Christ each day

Spirit of God....

What a great God You are ...

... the telescopes show the vast extent of the universe,

... the microscope shows the intricate detail

And in Your written word You have shown us the truths of Your nature

and recorded evidence for Your action in history

In a world of unfairness and injustice we say "Thank You"

for the truth of Your word,

the justice of Your nature

and Your offer of transforming love..

We say "Thank You" that with Your truth there is also Your power,

for without Your help we fail our Lord

we need Your power and Your strength for living each day

Therefore as we come to study Your word we pray

May the mind of Christ, our Saviour, live in us from day to day,

By His love and power controlling all we do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in our hearts from hour to hour,

So that all may see we triumph only through His power.



Through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Saviour to Whom with You O Father and the Holy Spirit be all praise and glory for ever, AMEN

Reading Colossians 3,16-4.6 16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord

23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. 25 Any-

one who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favouritism

ch 4 v 1 Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. 5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone..



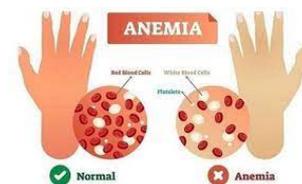
Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

We hear a lot about having a good diet which gives appropriate nourishment, with a balance of vitamins.

Sometimes a person may be anaemic in which can they have to take more iron.

Similarly for our spiritual lives we need the appropriate spiritual nourishment !



Chapter 3 started with the note of Christ as our life, and verse 16 tells us how our lives are enriched "by the word of Christ", i.e. that is the real value placed on our lives - we are valuable to God. To omit that is to devalue our lives.

But what does this enriching mean ?

1. The indwelling of the enriching word of Christ in worship.

In vv 16 and 17 we see meaningful features of worship :

- i. learning
- ii. applying with wisdom means developing spiritual gumption
- iii. gratitude in our hearts is the dynamic.



O God hear us as we pray the words of that children's hymn for ourselves
and for our contact with others
Hear us as we pray for those who are wearied, stressed and oppressed in society
grant us sensitive eyes, listening ears, and hands that help.
Hear us as we pray for international politicians,
that there may be a willingness to work together for justice and peace
Hear us as we pray for some situation which concerns us or some person about whom we are worried
globally
nationally
and locally



Help us to be in the situation or with that person what You would want us to be
Hear us then we pray in our spoken and our unspoken prayers and as we sum up all our prayers in the
words Jesus taught all those who loved You to pray saying
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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord for the years
your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word,
receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our world
where we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves;
in living power remake us -
self on the cross
and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us,
for the future take us:
Lord of our lives,
to live for Christ alon

and until that great day when with all those throughout the ages who have loved You we see You face
to face may

the amazing grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the understanding love of God, and
the strong friendship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,
Amen