

# Church of Scotland

## NESS BANK

Sunday 3 August 2025  
at 11.00 am

*How long, O Lord?*



Minister - Rev Stuart Smith  
Organist - Mr Ian Livingstone

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Prelude

### Welcome and intimations

Rev Stuart Smith

### Call to Worship

*(Congregation standing)*

**ALL:**        *Open our eyes*  
**SHOW US YOUR GLORY**

**ALL:**        *Open our eyes*  
**SHOW US OUR SIN**

**ALL:**        *Open our eyes*  
**SHOW US YOUR FORGIVENESS**  
**THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD**

### Hymn                    *'In Christ alone'*

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all –  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone – who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save  
'till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied,  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain,  
then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine –  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand

*Stuart Townend and Keith Getty*

### Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

### All-Age Talk

Hymn        164        *'God gave me eyes'*

*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading                    Habakkuk 1: vs 1-11 (OT p907)

Jane MacBean

Hymn        283        *'The voice of God'*

Sermon                    *'How long, O Lord?'*

**Music for Reflection**

**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

**Hymn        706        *'For the healing of the nations'***

**Benediction & Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**10 August 2025 at 11.00am**

The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith

Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service

### **INTIMATIONS FOR TODAY**

**Welcome** We welcome everyone to our service this morning. A special welcome is extended to any visitors who may be worshipping with us. If you have moved to Inverness, we would be very pleased to have you worship with us regularly. Please make yourself known to one of the stewards on duty as you leave, or complete one of the cards situated at the end of the pews.

**The Bible** Please stand when the Church Officer brings the Bible into the sanctuary for the start of our worship together. Thank you.

**Internet Access** Please can you ensure that all mobile phones and other devices such as iPads are switched off completely before the service to avoid interference with the sound system. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Livestreaming** Services are routinely recorded on video and livestreamed. The front five pews in the main block could be in shot (normally the backs of heads only). Also anyone crossing the church in front of the communion table could be in view. If you wish to avoid being recorded, please speak to one of our welcome teams who will be happy to help you choose a seat out of camera shot.

**Tea and coffee** Everyone is invited for tea and coffee in the hall after the service.

**Christmas Hall Decorations - WANTED!** A small group of artists would greatly appreciate any left-overs of wallpaper and coloured emulsion paint you may have after DIY home decoration. Please drop off to the Church office. Thanks in anticipation! *David Ewen 07816 182020.*

**Open Sanctuary during August** The Sanctuary will be open during the month of August on a Monday to Friday basis each week from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

***A schedule of dates and times*** is now in the vestibule so please, if you can participate, add your name and telephone number on the sheet against whatever time suits you. Only two volunteers are required for each session daily and suitable instructions etc will be issued.

**Highland Foodbank** The items requested for August are:

**Tins of potatoes**

**Tins of fruit**

**Deodorant/toothpaste**

**Tins of mince/ravioli**

**Tins of corned beef**

**Bags for life, new or used**

**Tins of ham**

**Jars of pasta sauce**

## **NESS BANK MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Ness Bank Craft Group** The Crafties will resume on **Tuesday 12 August** from 10.00am-12noon in room 1. New members welcome.

**Kirk Session** The next meeting of the Kirk Session will be held on **Wednesday 27 August** at 7.30pm in Room 1.

## **GENERAL NOTICES**

**Finding God Among Us** by Acorn - **Monday 25 August**, 7.30-9.00pm, Inshes East Church, Inshes retail park, IV2 3TW. Coffees from 7.15. An evening of deep encouragement and interactive sharing. Come and hear stories of what God might be doing here and now and, only if you like, maybe share one of your own. For further information, contact Paul Haringman, [paulharingman.mission@gmail.com](mailto:paulharingman.mission@gmail.com) or 07837903277.

**Going Forward – Highland Theological College Summer Conference** A conference about the Church and the future will take place in Highland Theological College, High Street, Dingwall, on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**. Registration via Eventbrite through the HTC website ([www.htc.uhi.ac.uk](http://www.htc.uhi.ac.uk)), or contact HTC directly (01349 780000). £40 per person.

**Let the Organ Thunder!** Free weekly organ concerts will take place in **Inverness Cathedral** from **1.15 - 2.00pm every Friday** until **29 August**.

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