



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 13 October 2024

Welcome to worship with Inverurie West Parish Church. Whether you are joining us online or in-person; as a newcomer, occasional visitor, or regular, we are delighted to have you with us. This morning we are looking at Hannah's song in the book of Samuel and thinking about where God is when we feel powerless.

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (CH4 153)

Opening Prayer (Including the Lord's prayer)

Our heavenly father
May your holy name be honoured
May your kingdom come
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today what we really need
Forgive us the wrong we do
as we forgive those who wrong us

Lead us away from temptation
Keep us safe from evil

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours forever
Amen

Intro to the word

IT'S ME, IT'S ME, IT'S ME, O LORD)

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 1: 9-20 read by Eleanor Mitchell

Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. 10 In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. 11 And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

12 As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth.

13 Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk 14 and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

15 "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. 16 Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

17 Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

18 She said, "May your servant find favour in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

19 Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. 20 So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."

Reflection 1

Reading 2: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Then Hannah prayed and said:

"My heart rejoices in the Lord;
in the Lord my horn is lifted high.

My mouth boasts over my enemies,
for I delight in your deliverance.

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“There is no one holy like the Lord;
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

3

“Do not keep talking so proudly
or let your mouth speak such arrogance,
for the Lord is a God who knows,
and by him deeds are weighed.

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“The bows of the warriors are broken,
but those who stumbled are armed with strength.

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Those who were full hire themselves out for food,
but those who were hungry are hungry no more.
She who was barren has borne seven children,
but she who has had many sons pines away.

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“The Lord brings death and makes alive;
he brings down to the grave and raises up.

7

The Lord sends poverty and wealth;
he humbles and he exalts.

8

He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes
and has them inherit a throne of honour.

“For the foundations of the earth are the Lord’s;
on them he has set the world.

9

He will guard the feet of his faithful servants,
but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.

“It is not by strength that one prevails;

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those who oppose the Lord will be broken.
The Most High will thunder from heaven;
the Lord will judge the ends of the earth.
“He will give strength to his king
and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

Reflection 2

MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG (CH4 565)

Prayer

JESUS PUT THIS SONG INTO OUR HEARTS (CH4 692)

Grace

Blessing

News

Junior church - with the tattle holidays on there is no morning junior church for the next two weeks. Kids are always welcome to remain upstairs for the service. On the 27th we will be celebrating our bi-annual full-service communion in two different ways - slightly more formally in the morning and very informally in our all-age junior church style afternoon service at 3pm.

Musical Worship Opportunity - Well known singer (and local loon) Iain Milne has been invited to sing the tenor solo in the Paul Mealor piece ‘A Scottish prayer’ during the St Andrew’s morning service on Nov 24th. Iain performed the piece for King Charles and Queen Camilla at Crathie Kirk in September.

The other Iain Milne, St Andrew’s organist, has invited any interested singers and musicians who would like to join their choir to accompany Iain to contact him about rehearsals. For more information text or phone Iain on 07429 904180

Bible study - our relaxed and informal online bible study is on Wednesdays at 730 pm via Zoom. All welcome. No biblical knowledge needed! Please speak to Rhona if you would like the link.

Urgent appeal for winter clothing - We expect to be looking for further warm clothing items for children soon. Specifics to follow, once we have identified the needs. Please contact Biff Barrow for more information.

Architectural services - if anyone has a family member, contact, or can give us a recommendation for a local architect to help us take forward the future of the Hall, please speak to Rhona or our session clerks Mark and Gillian.

Foodbank - This month's wish list includes: Tinned spaghetti/macaroni, Tinned meat (hot or cold), Tinned vegetables, Tea bags (40s/80s, please), Tinned tomatoes, Small jars of coffee, Pot noodles/Mug Shots, UHT Milk (semi-skimmed or full cream)

Fundraising and Stewardship - Registering with the EasyFundraising website is an easy way to use your online shopping to raise a little money for the church. The site is partnered with over 4000 retailers including big names like Amazon, Tesco and Argos. You can begin by following this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/inverurie-west-parish-church>

Practical help - if you, or anyone you know need shopping, errands etc done, we have lots of volunteers keen to help. For assistance ring Joyce Petrie on 01467 620932 or email help@inveruriwestchurch.org

For prayer requests, joys and concerns, or content which you would like shared on Sunday, please email Rhona on r.cathcart@inveruriwestchurch.org by Saturday night, or you can text her on her mobile.

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