Church of Scotland
Netherlorn Churches United Service

“The Whole Earth Shall Cry Glory”

Arduaine Gardens
1200 Sunday 29th May 2011
Welcome Prelude (1140 – 1200)
Children of Craignish Primary School

Centre Station: focus on sky

Welcome, introduction and call to worship

Hymn 147 vv 1 – 4 All creatures of our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King,
   Lift up your voice and with us sing
   Alleluia, alluia!
   Bright brother sun with golden beam,
   Clear sister moon with softer gleam,
   \textit{O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!}

2. Swift rushing wind that art so strong,
   High clouds that sail in heaven along,
   O praise him, alleluia!
   New breaking dawn, in praise rejoice,
   And lights of evening, find a voice:

3. Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
   Make music for your Lord to hear,
   Alleluia, alleluia!
   Fire, with your flames so fierce and bright,
   Giving to all both warmth and light:
4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
   Unfolds God’s blessings on our way,
   O praise him, alleluia!
   All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
   Let them his glory also show:

   St. Francis of Assisi CCLI 295041 The Church Hymnary Trust

**Reading : Psalm 19, : 1 – 2, 4 – 6 (ESV)**

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech and night to night reveals knowledge. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

**Prayer of St. Patrick**

Our God, God of all people,
God of heaven and earth, seas and rivers,
God of high mountains and lowly valleys,
God over heaven and in heaven, and under heaven.

You have a dwelling in heaven and earth and sea,
And in all things that are in them.
You inspire all things, you enliven all things,
You are over all things, you support all things
All glory be to you, our God,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Moving Song:
We are marching in the light of God (4 times)
We are marching in the light of God, O-o, we are
marching in the light of God (twice).

East station: focus on hills

Welcome song – Hymn 212  Morning has broken
Led by Craignish Primary School

Children only
1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
   Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise them, springing fresh from the word.

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2. Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,
   Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
   Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight: mine is the morning,
   Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
   God’s re-creation of the new day!

Eleanor Farjeon  CCLI 295041  The Church Hymnary Trust
Reading; Psalm 121: 1 – 4 (The Message)

I look up to the mountains: does my strength come from mountains? No, my strength comes from God, who made heaven and earth and mountains. He won’t let you stumble, your Guardian God won’t fall asleep. Not on your life! Israel’s Guardian will never doze or sleep.

Prayer of Jan Berry
God of creation, the earth is yours
With all its beauty and goodness,
Its rich and overflowing provision.

But we have claimed it for our own,
Plundered its beauty for profit,
Grabbed its resources for ourselves.

God of creation, forgive us
May we no longer abuse your trust,
But care gently and with justice for your earth.

Moving song
We are living in the love of God (4 times)
We are living in the love of God, O-o, we are living in the love of God.(twice)
West station: focus on trees

1. Who put the colours in the rainbow? Who put the salt in the sea?
   Who put the cold in the snowflake? Who made you and me?
   Who put the hump upon the camel? Who put the neck on the giraffe?
   Who put the tail upon the monkey? Who made the hyena laugh?
   Who made whales and snails and quails?
   Who made hogs and dogs and frogs?
   Who made bats and rats and cats? Who made everything?

2. Who put the gold in the sunshine? Who put the sparkle in the stars?
   Who put the silver in the moonlight? Who made Earth and Mars?
   Who put the scent into the roses? Who taught the honey bee to dance?
   Who put the tree inside the acorn? It surely can’t be chance!
   Who made seas and leaves and trees?
   Who made snow and winds that blow?
   Who made streams and rivers flow? God made all of these!

   Joseph Arthur Paul Wood  CCLI  295041  The Church Hymnary Trust

Reading: Psalm 1: vv 1 – 3 (Good News)
Happy are those who reject the advice of evil men who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God. Instead they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night. They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do.

Prayer of George MacLeod (adapted)
Almighty God, Creator:
the morning is yours, rising into fullness.
The summer is yours, dipping into autumn.
Eternity is yours, dipping into time.
The vibrant grasses, the scent of flowers, the lichen on the rocks, the tang of seaweed.
All: All are yours. Gladly we live in this garden of your creating.
But creation is not enough.
Always in the beauty, the foreshadowing of decay.
The lambs frolicking careless: so soon to be led off to slaughter.
Nature red and scarred as well as lush and green.
All: In the garden also: always the thorn. Creation is not enough.

Almighty God, Redeemer;
the sap of life in our bones and being is yours, lifting us to ecstasy.
But always in the beauty: the tang of sin, in our consciences.
The dry lichen of sins long dead, but seared upon our minds.
All: In the garden that is each of us, always the thorn.

Yet all are yours as we yield them again to you.
Not only our lives that you have given are yours:
But also our sins that you have taken.
All: You have taken them all away and we are free.

Holy Spirit, Enlivener:
breathe on us, fill us with life anew;
In your new creation, already upon us, breaking through,
breathe on us.
Till that day when night and autumn vanish
And the thorn shall fade
And the whole earth shall cry glory at the marriage feast of the Lamb.
All: In this new creation, already upon us, fill us with life anew. For the sake of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Moving Song
We are moving in the power of God (4 times)
We are moving in the power of God, O-o, we are moving in the power of God. (twice)

South station – focus on flowers

Hymn 154 vv 1 – 3 O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
   Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
   “How great thou art, how great thou art!”  ( twice)

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees:
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die — I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:  

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**Reading Matthew 6: 28 – 30 (Good News)**
Jesus said: “And why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow: they do not work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers. It is God who clothes the wild grass – grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burnt up in the oven. Won’t he be all the more sure to clothe you? How little faith you have!”

**Prayer by Robert Runcie**
Eternal Father, source of life and light, whose love extends to all people, all creatures, all things:  
Grant us that reference for life which becomes those who believe in you:  
Lest we despise it, degrade it, or come callously to destroy it.  
Rather let us save it, serve it and sanctify it, after the example of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Offering  (contribution to funds of the Garden)**
Prayer of Dedication

Moving Song
We are marching in the light of God(4 times)
We are marching in the light of God O-o, we are marching in the light of God. (twice)

Centre station: focus on our human vocation

Solo by Peter McLardy: “A garden in our wilderness”

Message by Dr Kenneth Ross: “Filled with wonder, gripped by vocation”

We have been on a journey around the garden. We have surveyed the sky above, the hills beyond, the trees beside us and the flowers around us – who would not be filled with wonder after such a journey?

Now we come lastly to something else in the garden - ourselves. What is our place, what is our role in the midst of all the marvel of creation? As the Psalmist says to God: “Who are we that you are mindful of us?”

When we meet this question it is time to sense how small we are – when we are measured against the scale and complexity of the universe around us. It is time for humility.

It is time also to admit how compromised we are – how much our greed and carelessness has been damaging to the beautiful world in which we are set. It is time to own up.

And it is also time to recognise what a great responsibility we have. You may have heard of the minister who was visiting a parishioner with a beautiful garden and remarked: “you and God have made a
There is a job for us to do as trustees or stewards of our bountiful earth. This raises questions about technology, about politics, about economics. But the biggest question is the question about ourselves. Are we fit to fulfil the calling which comes to us as those entrusted with the task of caring for the earth?

Meeting in a Garden like Arduaine poses this question for us. This small portion of the creation so precious, so much cherished and so wonderfully flourishing – what does it signal about our intention for the whole inhabited earth?

Meeting not only in a garden but in a church points us to an answer to our question. The God to whom the whole earth cries glory has not been idle while the creation has been imperilled. He has set out in Jesus Christ to bring a renewal which begins with us and then reaches to every far corner of the universe. A redemption which extends from the most personal to the most cosmic dimensions of life.

As Peter has been singing, God begins by making a garden in the wilderness of our lives. And then he sends us on a mission to care for one another and for the entire creation in which we are set. Until the day arrives when the whole earth shall cry glory.

**Prayer**

That we might remain filled with wonder at the splendor of your creation  
**All: Send us, Lord**

That we might be faithful stewards of the earth and all its resources  
**All: Send us, Lord**
That we might bring healing to our wounded world
All: Send us, Lord

That we might be a voice for your purposes of goodness and love
All: Send us Lord

That the whole earth might cry glory
All: Send us, Lord

Benediction + Hymn 786  May the God of peace...
May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place:
May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.

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Recessional Hymn 622 vv 1 – 5 We sing a love
1. We sing a love that sets all people free,
That blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
Enfolds the earth, springs like water clear:
Come, living love, live in our hearts today.

2. We sing a love that seeks another’s good,
That longs to serve and not to count the cost,
A love, that, yielding, finds itself made new,
Come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

3. We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
To be itself, despite another’s wrath,
A love that stands alone and undismayed:
Come strengthening love, live in our hearts today.

4. We sing a love that wandering, will not rest
   Until it finds its way its home, its source,
   Through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:
   Come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

5. We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love,
   Who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,
   Brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ:
   Come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.

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