



THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2009, 7:00PM



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2450 EAST FORT LOWELL ROAD
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85719



PRAYERS FROM IONA

O Christ of the poor and the yearning
Kindle in my heart within
A flame of love for my neighbour,
For my foe, for my friend,
for my kindred all.
From the humblest things that lives
To the Name that is highest of all
Kindle in my heart within
A flame of Love.

J. Philip Newell



O Christ, you are a bright flame
before me
You are a guiding star above me
You are the light and love
I see in others' eyes.
Keep me, O Christ
in a love that is tender
Keep me, O Christ
in a love that is true
Keep me, O Christ,
in a love that is strong
Tonight, tomorrow and always.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *Scottish Songs for Piano*

Dr. John T. Brobeck

WELCOME, REGISTRATION & EXPLANATION

Dr. Andrew Ross

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

Seven Pipers Society Band

*LITANY BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

Dr. Ross and Rev. Pete Seiferth

Leader 1: Thank you, O Lord, for your self-revealed Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors, from Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Abraham to David, so onwards to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of his church: our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere.

Leader 2: *Never let us forget that a heritage of faith is a responsibility, not a treasure to be hoarded.*

People: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

Leader 1: Thank you, O Lord, for the blessing of family; the warmth, comfort, and security of family love.

Leader 2: *Never let us forget that our family love is a gift to be shared, that the stranger may be as welcome as the brother.*

People: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

Leader 1: We praise you, O Lord, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in a community of faith.

Leader 2: *Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we too, have lives to live in faith.*

People: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

Leader 1: Raise the Tartans! (Pause until all lift high their tartans.)

People: On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God's blessing on His servant people in all lands.

PLACING OF THE TARTANS

Leader 2: *Eternal God, Our Father, bless these symbols of heritage and grant that those who wear them, and the families they represent, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

People: **We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.**

INTROIT: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* Seven Pipers Society Band

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (PSALM 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his.

People: **We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

People: **Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

People: **And his faithfulness to all generations.**

***HYMN 220** (Blue Hymnal): *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Old Hundredth

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John Cheek

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Adapted from Scottish Reformer John Knox's Liturgy of 1560)

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only

the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ACT OF PRAISE: *Gloria Patri* (blue hymnal 579)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Scots Confession (Chapter 16) Rev. Cheek

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of men chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Jesus Christ, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit.

ANTHEM: *Celtic Laud* C. Courtney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Ross

*DOXOLOGY (blue hymnal 592)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Ross

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Highland Cathedral* Seven Pipers Society Band and Organ

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (John Calvin)

O Lord, heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 31:27-34

ANTHEM: *To God Be the Glory*

Scottish, arr. Bayley

GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:31-36

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY : *Free Indeed*

Rev. Seiferth

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Ross, Rev. Seiferth & Rev. Cheek

Following the anthem, all worshippers are invited to come forward to one of the pastors at the front of the sanctuary. He will ask your clan or family name. The pastor will then ask God's blessing on you and your family or clan, that you might be a blessing to others. Following the blessing, please return to your seats.

*HYMN 165 (Blue Hymnal): *When in the Night I Meditate* Day's Psalter, 1562

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Seiferth

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *A Gaelic Blessing*

J. Rutter

RECESSIONAL

Seven Pipers Society

*Those who are able, please stand.



RECEPTION. Please join us for a reception in the Rowley Courtyard.

MUSIC AND RECOGNITION

The warmest of welcomes as well as heartfelt thanks are extended to our guest musicians from the **Tucson Seven Pipers Society** for their part in making this an authentic Kirkin' O' the Tartans! Thanks, also, to Gloria Day, flautist, and members of the Sanctuary Choir. Finally, thanks to Pastors Seiferth, Cheek and Ross, ushers, media personnel and all who participated in making this service a meaningful experience as part of our SCOTTISH HERITAGE WEEKEND.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN—ITS ORIGINS

THE HISTORY...

The ceremony of Kirkin' O' the Tartan is of American origin, though based on Scottish history and legend. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, an Act was passed that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts or tartan which represented Scottish heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill any person dressed in or displaying the tartan.

AS THE LEGEND GOES...

This Act prompted the stubborn Scots to carry with them secretly a piece of their tartan as they went to the Kirk. The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against tartans lasted for nearly 50 years. When at last repealed, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.

THE FIRST KIRKIN'...

The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC held the first Kirkin' during the early years of World War II. The late Dr. Peter Marshall, an eloquent Scot, then Chaplain of the US Senate as well as a pastor, led the service in 1943, choosing "Kirkin' O' the Tartan" for the title of his sermon. He had preached many sermons in support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. His sermons were so popular that a request was made for their publication, with the proceeds designated for war relief programs. As the war continued, the DC St. Andrew's Society continued to hold prayer services for the British subjects. These became known as Kirkin's.

THE SERVICE...

The worship service is of traditional content, using much of the Church of Scotland form. Central to its theme is the presentation of various tartans—through flags and the wearing of tartans—for a blessing. Clans were simply a gathering of peoples for their protection and for economic, political, and social support. Clansmen demonstrated a true brotherhood of man, and the tartan is a symbol of this love and togetherness. The Kirkin' is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage, and to celebrate God's grace poured out for all generations.

WELCOME TO NORTHMINSTER

You are cordially invited to join us for worship each Sunday.

Services of Worship

Contemporary Service: 8:00am

Traditional Services: 9:30am and 11:00am

Fusion Service: 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Childcare and Sunday School

Childcare is provided from 7:45am-12:00pm. We offer a Christian Education program at 9:30am for all ages.

Information

An array of helpful brochures about our church is available in the Sanctuary Narthex. You may also contact us at 327-7121 if we may be of service in any way.

Ministries

Northminster offers a wide variety of ministries, programs, and activities for all ages, given in the name and service of our Lord and Savior. Please check our website for additional information: www.npctucson.org.

Radio Ministry

Join us on the air! Our worship services and ministry are broadcast on KGMS Radio, 940 AM every Sunday, 6:00-7:00pm and Monday-Friday at 6:30-7:00am.

All Church Scottish Festival and Silent Auction, Saturday, 4:00-7:30pm

Something for everyone, including games, great food, the Seven Pipers Society and Highland Dancers and silent auction for our Preschool/Kindergarten.

Reformation Sunday, October 25

Join us this Sunday for our annual Reformation Services, which celebrate our Scottish Heritage. All morning worship services include stirring music by the Seven Pipers Society with added pageantry at the traditional services.

Evensong Service, November 8, 5:00pm

You are invited to join us for this historic and traditional end-of-day service, which includes prayers, psalms, hymns, organ voluntaries, and beautiful anthems sung by the Sanctuary Choir.

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