

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King!  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend. *Samuel Crossman*

### Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

Closing sentence

I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the LORD.

*1 Samuel 1:27-28a*

### Closing Prayer and Blessing

### Notices

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#### Services this Sunday

**10.30 am** Family Worship **Preacher** Frank Tebbutt  
**6.30 pm** Evening Worship Paul McVittie

#### Cummersdale

**10.30am** Morning Worship Eddie Scrase-Field

**Mon 11 10.00am** Parent and Toddler Bible Study  
**2.45pm** Women's Fellowship  
BB Sections restart

**12/13/14 Homegroups as arranged**

**Wed 13 10.00 am and 1.30 pm** Toddlers

**Thur 14 10.30 am** Sticky Fingers  
**7.30pm** Music Practice

**Fri 15** Rainbows/Brownies/Guides restart  
**7.45 pm** Badminton & Table Tennis

#### Services Next Sunday

**10.30 am** Holy Communion **Preacher** Peter Bye  
**6.30 pm** Evening Worship John Libby

#### Cummersdale

**10.30am** Morning Worship Frank Tebbutt

## JUST LOOKING!

Just Looking is just what it says: it's an opportunity to take a closer look at the Christian faith, but with no pressure to do anything more than just look. Please join us for meal, a talk, a time for discussion, and a chance to make new friends.

**Next course starts, Thursday 14 January 7:30pm  
(and then for each Thursday evening for four weeks) in the Parish Centre.**



### Please Pray For:

Those who are ill or in hospital at this time, especially Fiona Hurley, Peggy Fluck, Glenda Davidson, Maureen Richardson, Rosie Thwaites and Nora Klein.

# S A I N T J A M E S C H U R C H

## CUMMERSDALE

Morning Worship

10.30am, Sunday 10th January, 2010



Welcome to our service of morning worship and a special welcome to Charlotte and her family as she comes to join our Christian family through baptism. This morning we begin a new teaching series looking at unsung heroes from the Old Testament, and today we begin with Hannah.

### Welcome and Notices

Opening Sentence:

As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard.

*1 Samuel 1:12-13a*

### Song

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,**  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.  
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
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*Walter Chalmers Smith*

Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

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## Baptism of a Child

We rejoice today with Charlotte's family as they thank God for the gift of life and bring her for baptism. Faith is the gift of God to His people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom He is calling. People of God, will you welcome Charlotte and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

**All: With the help of God, we will.**

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Charlotte with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith, and walk with her in the way of Christ?

**Parents and godparents: With the help of God, we will.**

### The Baptism

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**Answer: I reject them**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**Answer: I renounce them**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**Answer: I repent of them**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**Answer: I turn to Christ**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**Answer: I submit to Christ**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**Answer: I come to Christ**

### Time of Confession:

Father God, we want to say sorry for all the times when we have not behaved as you want, and when we have let you down.

For the wrong things we have done, Father God

**Forgive us, for we are sorry.**

For the wrong things we have said, Father God

**Forgive us, for we are sorry.**

For the wrong things we have thought, Father God

**Forgive us, for we are sorry.**

And for the things we should have done, should have said, and should have thought, but didn't, Father God,

**Forgive us, for we are sorry.**

**We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Promise of forgiveness:

Listen to God's promise to all who are truly sorry:

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who respond to him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

## Hymn

### What a friend we have in Jesus,

All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit!

O what needless pain we bear!

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,

Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Saviour, still our refuge,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In His arms He'll take and shield thee,

Thou wilt find a solace there.

*Joseph M. Scriven*

## Sermon

Hannah: prayerfulness

## Hymn

(During the singing of this song there will be a collection to support Christian mission and ministry through St. James. If you are a guest or visitor please feel free to pass the plate along)

### My song is love unknown,

My Saviour's love to me:

Love to the loveless shown,

That they might lovely be.

O who am I, that for my sake

My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blessed throne,

Salvation to bestow;

But men made strange, and none

The longed-for Christ would know:

But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed,

Who at my need His life did spend.

Sometimes they strew His way,

And His sweet praises sing;

Resounding all the day

Hosannas to their King:

Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,

And for His death they thirst and cry.

They rise and needs will have

My dear Lord made away;

A murderer they save,

The Prince of life they slay,

Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,

That He His foes from thence might free.

In life no house, no home

My Lord on earth might have;

In death, no friendly tomb,

But what a stranger gave.

What may I say? Heaven was His home;

And mine the tomb wherein He lay.

*Continued ...*

*Let us affirm, together with parents and godparents, our common faith in Jesus Christ:*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

**All: Who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ was baptised in the River Jordan: we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

Bless your servant who is washed in this water, that she may be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon her, bring her to new birth in the household of faith, and raise her with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority, and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The party moves to the font*

Charlotte Anne Thompson

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Christ claims you for His own. Receive the sign of His cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of His glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

As Charlotte grows up she will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community. As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support her by prayer, example and teaching. As parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping her in her early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding her in the way of faith.

**Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Charlotte and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect her home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith.  
We are children of the same heavenly Father;  
We welcome you.**

### Song

**As the deer** pants for the water,  
So my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
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I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
And the apple of my eye.

You're my Friend and You are my Brother,  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.

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### Intercessions

#### Collect for the First Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
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Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
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Followed by:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
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