

# 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

## The paper-version Service



**To Begin:** Find a Bible and a comfortable place. If safe, light a candle and read prayerfully through the service. If you have access to worship music, choose a song and listen to it as you begin or read, or even sing, the song from this Sunday's

Service.

**Opening Prayer:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn:**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
the Lord :

Unnumbered blessings, give my  
spirit voice;

Tender to me the promise of his  
word;

In God my Saviour shall my heart  
rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
his name:

Make known his might, the deeds  
his arm has done;

His mercy sure, from age to age the  
same;

His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty  
One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
his might:

Find more lyrics at ✖ [Mojim.com](https://www.mojim.com)

Powers and dominions lay their  
glory by;

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are  
put to flight,

The hungry fed, the humble lifted  
high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his  
word:

Firm is his promise, and his mercy  
sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
the Lord

To children's children and for  
evermore.

## **The Sermon by Jane Hughes**

### **Read Hebrews 2:1-4 and Mark 5:21-43 Being heard**

We continue to explore Marks Gospel, with the title for today: **being heard**. When reading through the verses we can clearly see who Jesus heard and who heard Jesus and how they and He responded.

#### **Who heard Jesus and how did they respond?**

##### Jairus

- firstly, he heard of Jesus' healings through the word of others and he believed,
- Jairus heard Jesus' willingness to help him through Jesus' actions, Jesus went with him.
- Then later we see Jairus hear Jesus when He spoke out against those who said the girl was dead (verse 36) Jairus chose to abstain from fear, to believe and trust in Jesus

##### The Woman who was bleeding

- She too had heard of Jesus' healings through the word of others and believed, but her response was different to that of Jairus, her faith was that she only needed to touch his clothes to be healed, she reached out towards Jesus, without words or sounds.
- She then heard Jesus say "Who touched my clothes?" and she knew who He meant, she could have snuck away in the crowd, taking her physical healing, yet what was her response; she chose to speak up despite her fear.

##### The young girl

- The Girl, by all earthly standards was dead, and should not have been able to hear any words spoken by Jesus. But Jesus who knew he would later raise her from the dead described her as asleep. She heard and responded by getting up.

#### **Who did Jesus hear and how did He respond?**

##### Jairus

- Jairus spoke to Jesus- fell on his feet and pleaded earnestly (Verse 23) Jesus heard Jairus and responded with action, by going with him and later doing as he asked, healing his Daughter.

##### The Woman who was bleeding

- Jesus first 'heard' her, not, through words or sound but by her actions, the woman's touch, He responded by calling out "Who touched my clothes?"
- and then when she responded to His question and told him the whole truth, Jesus heard her and (verse 34) He responded with compassion. He set her free, not only of her suffering but He restored her into society. She had his full attention, Jesus restored her in every way, there would be no doubt that she had been healed, declared, not just ritually clean but fully accepted.

## The young girl

- Jesus heard of her plight through the words, love and actions of her Father. He, despite the delay, went with Jairus, taking His close disciples with him and raised the young girl from the dead.

From all Jesus healings listed in the gospels we find that:

- sometimes it was to make a point- healing the man with the withered hand to challenge the way the pharisees and teachers were using the law about the sabbath or when healing the man lowered through the roof to prove he had power over sin,
- other times Jesus healed privately and told them not to tell anyone like when he healed the man with leprosy, and the young girl in today's passage.
- sometimes Jesus went on a journey to heal someone like today's passage travelling to heal Jairus' daughter
- and sometimes he healed from a distance- like the centurion's daughter

No matter the reason for the healing, whenever Jesus healed someone, he meant it; his focus was on that person, he engaged with them, he looked into their hearts, he gave them his full attention; Jesus was interested in each and every person who he healed. We could say here that he truly heard them

## **Does Jesus still hear us today and do we still we hear Jesus?**

In today's passage our main characters spoke and heard directly from Jesus, this conversation, this being heard by Jesus and hearing from Jesus, this still happens today we just call it prayer, and often it's too easy to forget this is a two-way conversation.

Jesus gives us his full attention, when we reach out to Jesus in Faith, whether in words, actions, crying out in pain frustration or with joy, he gives us his full undivided attention, He listens -HE HEARS US and HE RESPONDS.

However, His response may not always be what we want or expect, it can be immediate and it can be obvious but it also may not be in our timeframe or convenient, just as Jairus had to wait, we too may have to wait, But He does respond, we know from scripture, experience and the testimony of others:

- He walks alongside us,
- He weeps with us,
- celebrates with us, laughs with us,
- gives us space to think, (in the bible Jesus often responded with a question),
- confirms we are doing/not doing the right thing,
- helps us to problem solve.
- He can heal; hearts, minds, and our bodies

But it's all for His purpose, His plans and in his timing.

Whether we come to Jesus, with our groaning, whether we reach out to Him, seek His presence, throw ourselves at His feet, come in worship, bring our Joys, praises or petitions to Him, don't forget we are supposed to Hear from him too.

**22nd Sunday after Trinity:** Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer:** *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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 now and forever. Amen.*

**Blessing** to be declared over yourselves, St Andrews and The Good Shepherd, the communities around us and our whole nation. 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.' (Numbers 6:24-26 NIV).

### **At the Church of the Good Shepherd**

- Tea and Chat: November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Church Hall.
- Tea and Bowls: November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Church.
- Coffee and Questions: November 27<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am in the Church Hall.
- Tea and Praise: TBA
- The Community Cupboard, 2:45pm every Thursday in Church.

### **For Further information:**

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