



Order of Service, St James Ayr

Sunday 31 August

Welcome, Intimations, Call to Worship

Hymn 173: Sing to God new songs of worship

Childrens' talk

Hymn 186: Father, God I wonder

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 200: Christ is made the sure foundation

Readings – Psalm 112, 1-8a / Luke 14,1-11

Hymn 396: And can it be that I should gain

Sermon

Hymn: 167: Guide me, oh thou great Jehovah

Prayer of Intercession

Offering and Dedication

Hymn 512: To God be the Glory

Benediction & Threefold Amen

Psalm 112, 1-8a

Happy is the person who honours the Lord,
who takes pleasure in obeying his commands.

² The good man's children will be powerful in the land;
his descendants will be blessed.

³ His family will be wealthy and rich,
and he will be prosperous forever.

⁴ Light shines in the darkness for good people,
for those who are merciful, kind, and just.

⁵ Happy is the person who is generous with his loans,
who runs his business honestly.

⁶ A good person will never fail;
he will always be remembered.

⁷ He is not afraid of receiving bad news;
his faith is strong, and he trusts in the Lord.

⁸ He is not worried or afraid

Luke 14, 1-11

One Sabbath Jesus went to eat a meal at the home of one of the leading Pharisees; and people were watching Jesus closely. ² A man whose legs and arms were swollen came to Jesus, ³ and Jesus spoke up and asked the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees, "Does our Law allow healing on the Sabbath or not?"

⁴ But they would not say a thing. Jesus took the man, healed him, and sent him away. ⁵ Then he said to them, "If any one of you had a child or an ox that happened to fall in a well on a Sabbath, would you not pull it out at once on the Sabbath itself?"

⁶ But they were not able to answer him about this.

⁷ Jesus noticed how some of the guests were choosing the best places, so he told this parable to all of them: ⁸ “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important than you has been invited, ⁹ and your host, who invited both of you, would have to come and say to you, ‘Let him have this place.’ Then you would be embarrassed and have to sit in the lowest place. ¹⁰ Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that your host will come to you and say, ‘Come on up, my friend, to a better place.’ This will bring you honor in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great.”