

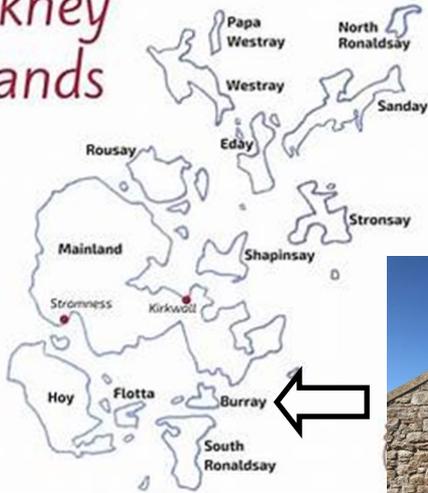
WORSHIP - 4th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 27 JUNE 2021

Today we have physical services in our churches at 10 am. Julie is leading the Zoom service, and using some of the material that we had hoped to use for a Zoom service from Orkney a fortnight ago. Apologies that those of you using these printed services have had some of the material before, and apologies that nothing was produced for last week.

Hymn - Rejoice the Lord is King - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDFAv0eh-s8>

Greetings from Orkney

Orkney
Islands



We were on the Isle of Burray, at The Slap Cottage

This was sunset at 11 pm



www.theslapcottage.co.uk



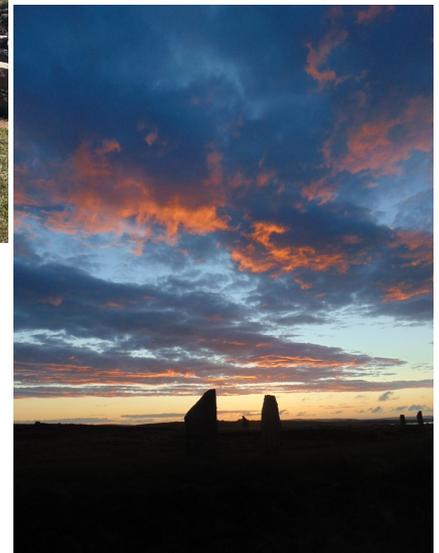
We made two visits to **Skara Brae**. Lived in for about 600 years, round about 3,000 BC. Stone huts, mounds of midden, linked by passages. Each house has



a single room - community, but family space. Hearth space, stone dresser, bed space, tank for fish, bait? Farmers, fishermen. Sea was further away. Climate change endangers the site.



Ring of Brodgar, originally 60 stones, 13 burial mounds. Meeting place between the fresh water loch and the salty ocean.



What kind of faith did these men and women have? We follow in their footsteps, even though we worship in a different way.

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments, and to live in love and peace with all.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gospel - Mark 5.21-end - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Address - *a sermon from Clive is on the website*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem – They that go down to the sea in ships - words: Psalm 107.23-30, music: Herbert Sumson. There is a video of a recording by Selwyn College Cambridge, with added Orkney photos, on the church website.

Prayers of Intercession

So first we pray for “those who go down to the sea in ships.” In our island communities, for those who run the ferries, those who rely on them. For the economics of island life, how we pay for expensive services. For those who feel themselves trapped because of the cost of travel, the collapse of tourism, the need to leave their homes to find jobs. For those who are separated by the sea. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the maritime community across this world. For those who spend their lives at sea, only in dock for a few hours while containers are unloaded and loaded. For those who are trapped by economics or the power of others. For those who ply their business in the dangerous shipping lanes of this world.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are trapped by Covid. Not just those at home and in hospital – though we do, of course, hold them in our prayers. But those separated by oceans and boundaries from those they love. Where the red list is not just a postponed holiday, but family occasions missed, lives ended without loved ones present. We acknowledge so much fear, so much uncertainty, so much grief – we cry to you Lord in our distress. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who need hospital treatment, who need healthcare – and those for whom it is difficult or absent. Here on the islands we think of the Coastguard, the medical flights, the network of care. We pray for those who are unwell, and for their families.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who lead us. For those who flew into Cornwall for the G7 talks – for wisdom, friendship, justice, and a passion to build a better world. Lord we know the importance of leadership. We know the importance of building a fairer, sustainable world. We know the battles that need to be fought – the battle against climate change, trying to rebuild our world after Covid. How do we build a simpler life to protect this planet, is there sensible leadership? Lord, help us to pray, to have confidence that you have the Power. As we prepare for the Climate Change Conference, may we play our part – in prayer and action – to make a better world for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, men and women have worshipped you for millennia. We have recognised your power, your amazing creation, we have lived our lives – and died our deaths – in your hands. We think of generations who have gone before us. Individuals we name, people we miss so much, and generations who are unnamed to us – but known to you. We pray for those who, generations before the birth of Christ, built and prayed, lived and loved and died. Thank you Lord, that we are on the same journey as they have made. Thank you for journeys and holidays, home and work. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn - Now thank we all our God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s99dNPKYtHk>

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final music - Farewell to Stromness, *Peter Maxwell-Davies* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpJB-XXE9Xg>



This was Stromness a fortnight ago

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