**YOU’RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER**

1. You’re the Word of God the Father 3. With a shout you rose victorious

from before the world began; wresting victory from the grave,

every star and every planet and ascended into Heaven

has been fashioned by your hand. leading captives in your way.

All creation holds together Now you stand before the Father

by the power of your voice. interceding for your own;

Let the skies declare your glory, from each tribe and tongue and nation

let the land and seas rejoice! you are leading sinners home.

*(Chorus) (Chorus)*

*You’re the Author of creation,* (CCLI No. 3709898)

*you’re the Lord of every man*

*and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

2. Yet you left the gaze of angels,

came to seek and save the lost,

and exchanged the joy of Heaven

for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer you fed the hungry,

with a word you stilled the sea,

yet how silently you suffered

that the guilty may go free.

*(Chorus)*

**LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING**

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, 3 Come, Almighty to deliver;

joy of heav'n to earth come down, let us all Thy life receive;

fix in us Thy humble dwelling; suddenly return and never,

all Thy faithful mercies crown! nevermore Thy temples leave.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Thee we would be always blessing,

pure, unbounded love Thou art; serve Thee as Thy hosts above;

visit us with Thy salvation; pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,

enter every trembling heart. glory in Thy perfect love.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit 4 Finish then, Thy new creation;

into every troubled breast! pure and spotless let us be;

Let us all in Thee inherit, let us see Thy great salvation,

let us find the promised rest. perfectly restored in Thee.

Take away our love of sinning; Changed from glory into glory

Alpha and Omega be; till in heav'n we take our place,

end of faith, as its beginning, till we cast our crowns before Thee,

set our hearts at liberty. lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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# GLENELG AND INVERINATE

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sunday 20th August 2023**

**Services at 12.00 noon in Inverinate Hall**

**and**

**6.00pm in Glenelg Church of Scotland**

**We warmly welcome you to this service of worship and would love you to join us for tea, coffee and refreshments following**

*Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord: Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.* **Habakkuk 3:2**

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Services:** We are delighted to welcome Rev Gordon Martin who will lead us in worship in our 12 noon Inverinate service today. Gordon will be preaching from 1 Timothy, chapter 3, verses 1-7 and 1 Peter, chapter 5, verses 1-4, in a sermon entitled ‘*Be Shepherds of God’s Flock.’* The 12 noon service will be followed by a Congregational Meeting. There will be no Glenelg Evening Service today, to allow us all to attend the COOL, ‘*Back to School with God*’ service in Kyleakin Hall at 6.00pm.
* **Sunday School:** We are delighted to welcome back our Sunday School, which will run, as usual, during our Inverinate 12 noon Service.
* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 98:1-4 (page 129) – *O sing a new song to the Lord*

Hymn (see back page) – *You’re the Word of God the Father*

Hymn (see back page) – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Sing Psalms 23:1-6 (page 28) – *The Lord is my Shepherd*

* **Vacancy Committee Meeting:** There will be short meeting of the Vacancy Committee immediately following the Congregational Meeting today.
* **Back to School with God Sunday 20th August:** There is no better way to start the new school year than meeting together to encourage one another and to pray to God for our children, teachers and schools. COOL’s ‘*Back to School with God* ‘service is on Sunday 20th August in Kyleakin Village Hall, 6.00pm-7.00pm, followed by tea/coffee and cakes. The meeting is for all ages from the youngest to the oldest and all are most warmly invited. We would love to see families coming along with their children.
* **Wednesday Evening Bible Studies**: Both the Glenelg and Dornie groups will meet this coming Wednesday, 23rd August, at 7.30pm. The Glenelg group will meet at Peter and Moira Lane’s home and the Dornie group at Vivienne and Colin MacKenzie’s home. All are most warmly welcome.
* **Next Sunday 27th August:** Ken MacDonald will lead us in worship for our 12.00 noon Inverinate. We will be starting a new online sermon series at the Glenelg 6.00pm service.
* **Online Studies:** Our Men’s Online Study Group continue with our *‘Bible Read Through’* study and are reading through the Book of Psalms (Part V); if you would like to join the study please speak to Colin. Our Ladies Study Group are starting a new study on 1 Peter, called ‘*Following Jesus’.* This would be a great time to join this study group so please speak to Moira or Barbara to join up.
* **Healthy Church Gathering:** (Skye and Wester Ross Presbytery) Wednesday 27th September in Kyle Free Church 6.30pm for coffee, 7.00pm start, 9.30pm finish. The hope is to bring together congregations for a time of input and then discussions with a focus on us hearing the views and ideas of one another. There will be updates on how some churches have taken hold of the vision as well as time to discuss some main topics, give feedback, ask questions and pray together. For more details and to book go to Healthy Church Gatherings – Free Church of Scotland.
* **Big Free Rally:** Saturday 30th September in Smithton Church Inverness from 11.00am to 3.30pm for young people from P5 to S6 with Davi de Paula the main speaker. More information will follow in due course.
* **Healing Hurting Hearts:** Following the recent success of the Healing Hurting Hearts the organisers are running the courses for a second time. Again it will be geared for those who have experienced adverse circumstances in their lives or for those who would like to help others. The dates are 26th August and 9th September in Kyle Free Church, 9.30am to 4.00pm. A second course – Strength from Weakness – 28th October, 11th November, 20th January will also be run. For more information and to book a place speak to Anne MacLeod.
* **Praying For One Another:** We urge you to pray for Christians at home and in countries far and wide. Please pray for:

**Leadership Bootcamp:** Which is resuming post-covid in a new format. Pray for the young people joining the programme. Pray they will be challenged spiritually and physically and the Lord would grow and shape them. Pray for Cory Brock and Louise MacMillan as they lead talks and please pray for all the bootcamp leaders.

**Stornoway:** Pray for God’s blessing to follow the recent Holiday Club when 80 children explored the life of Jesus from the Gospel of Mark. Pray for parents as well as for the children. Pray also for God’s guidance as we consider further Gospel outreach in Stornoway. Pray for the Sunday School, Bible Class, Youth Fellowship, Tweenies as they begin a new session. Pray for Scott, Minister in Training and for his wife Fiona and for their girls Katie Bell and Lilly Mae.

**Livingston:** Please pray for the participants on our Christianity Explored course on Monday evenings.

**UFM:** Give thanks for the Summer Team from Scotland to Sicily who worked alongside our UFM mission partners. Praise God for how well the team gelled. Praise the Lord also for the gospel openings and conversations that came during the course of the week, and give thanks that the team were an encouragement to the church there and to the mission partners.