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Sunday 20th March 2022 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
LENT 3

Celebrant: The Rector
Readings: Cate Watson
Sidespeople: Fiona Macleod & Carol Kendall

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Johann Sebastian Bach: Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott BWV 721

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord,
baptised in grace, in grace renewed,
by your most holy word.

2 Through fasting, prayer, and charity,
your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.

3 From desert to the mountaintop
in Christ our way we see,
so, tempered by temptation's might,
we might transfigured be.

4 For thirsting hearts let waters flow,
our fainting souls revive;
and at the well your waters give –
our everlasting life.

5 From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey still;
through cross and tomb to Easter joy,
in Spirit-fire fulfilled.

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Opening

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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.

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and with all your strength."
The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself."
There is no other commandment greater than these.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie Kilcreggan Mass (*see separate music sheet*) (*please stand*)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Merciful Father, we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: when we are discouraged by our weakness, give us strength to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-9 (*please sit*)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which
is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and
delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with
you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a
leader and commander for the peoples. 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do
not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake their way and
the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God,
for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says
the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my
thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63.1-8 (*please join in saying the text in **bold**, pausing shortly at the *asterisk*)

Refrain: My soul thirsts for you, **O my God.**

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;*
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,*
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;*
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live*
and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,*
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed,*
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper,*
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

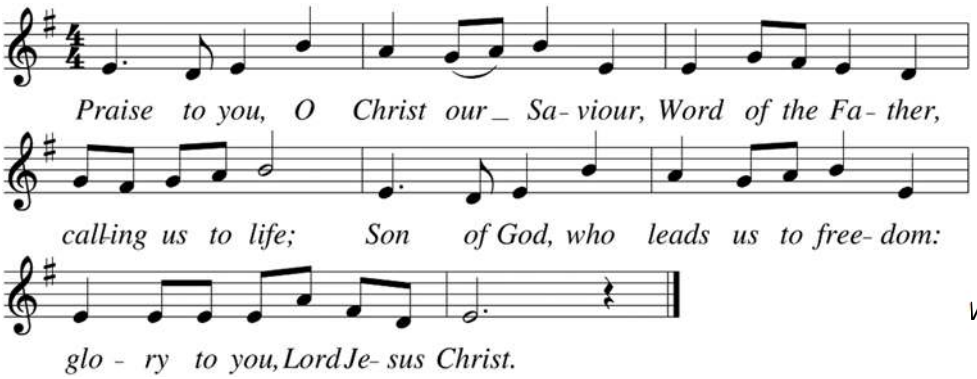
My soul clings to you;*
your right hand holds me fast.

Refrain: My soul thirsts for you, O my God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all
passed through the sea, [2] and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, [3] and all ate the same
spiritual food, [4] and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed
them, and the rock was Christ. [5] Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck
down in the wilderness. [6] Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as
they did. [7] Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and
drink, and they rose up to play.' [8] We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-
three thousand fell in a single day. [9] We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were
destroyed by serpents. [10] And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the
destroyer. [11] These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct
us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. [12] So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not
fall. [13] No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you
be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able
to endure it.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)



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Gospel: Luke 13.1-9 (*please stand*)

When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled
with their sacrifices. [2] He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they
were worse sinners than all other Galileans? [3] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they
did. [4] Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were
worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? [5] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all
perish just as they did.' [6] Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came
looking for fruit on it and found none. [7] So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come
looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" [8] He
replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. [9] If it bears fruit next year,
well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel. Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon: The Rector

Nicene Creed (*please stand*)

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 substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made human.
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.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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. (*please sit*)

Intercessions led by Tony Mitchell

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children, there is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. [*Silence*]

God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace (*please stand*)

We meet in Christ's name. Let us share his peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn (*please stand*)

1 We cannot own the sunlit sky,
the moon, the wild flowers growing.
For we are part of all that is
within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share
the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life
in every earthly nation.

2 When bodies shiver in the night
and weary, wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears,
and war-horns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to wake,
to join in common labour,
that all may have abundant life
in oneness with their neighbour.

3 God calls humanity to join
as partners in creating
a future free from want and fear,
life's goodness celebrating.
That new world beckons from afar,
invites our shared endeavour,
that all may have abundant life
and peace endures for ever.

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Offertory Prayer (*please stand*)

Let us present our offerings to the Lord. 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 we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house. We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. *(please sit)*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into
the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world. **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei *see separate music sheet*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Communion

administered at the bottom of the chancel steps. Please use the hand sanitiser provided before taking off and putting on your face mask before and after receiving communion.

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

1 For justice, for freedom,
for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

2 For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

3 For healing, for wholeness,
for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

4 Lord save us, take pity,
light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Post Communion Prayer

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my love be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

3 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

4 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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The Blessing & Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Postlude Henry Heron: Cornet Voluntary (Slow–Allegro)

NEXT WEEK

Monday 21st March
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

Thursday 24th March
8 p.m. **Lent Group (Session 3)**

Sunday 27th March
LENT 4
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Wednesday 23rd March
10.30 a.m. **Lent Group (Session 3)**

Saturday 26th March
12-4 p.m. **Vestry Vision Day**

Readings
Joshua 5.9-12; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21;
Luke 15.1-3,11*b*-32

LENT COLLECTION

We'll collect for Start Up Stirling this year: **startupstirling.org.uk/how-to-help**

The College of Bishops have highlighted these two organisations for helping Ukraine:

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal:
https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal Among the DEC partners are Christian Aid, the British Red Cross, and Tearfund. The UK Government has pledged to match donations from the public to the DEC fund, pound-for-pound, up to £20 million.

The UK for UNHCR: https://www.unrefugees.org.uk/where-help-is-needed/ukraine-situation/