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Sunday 24th April 2022 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

EASTER 2

Celebrant: The Rector

Readings: Alistair Shaw

Sidespeople: Libby Coats & Fiona Macleod

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Johann Gottfried Walther: Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag

Opening Hymn (*please stand*) *(the first syllable of the second line is sung to two notes)*

1 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
whëat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

2 In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,
thïnking that never he would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
hë that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thÿ touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

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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.

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.

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

Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, of God the Father. Amen, Amen.

Collect

Almighty God: in your great goodness, grant that we, as pilgrims through the Easter mysteries, may hold them fast in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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: Acts 5.27-32 (*please sit*)

The temple police and their captain brought the apostles and had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, [28] saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' [29] But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. [30] The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. [31] God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. [32] And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Psalm 150 (*please join in saying the text in **bold**, pausing shortly at the *asterisk*)

Refrain: Praise God **in his holy temple.**

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple;*
praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts;*
praise him for his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn;*
praise him with lyre and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance;*
praise him with strings and pipe.

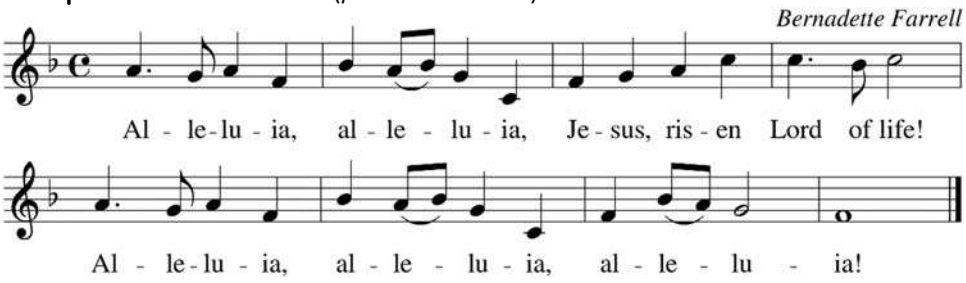
Praise him with resounding cymbals;*
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath*
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Refrain: **Praise God in his holy temple.**

Second Reading: Revelation 1.4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, [5] and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, [6] and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. [7] Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. [8] 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

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Gospel: John 20.19-31 (*please stand*)

When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' [20] After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' [22] When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' [24] But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' [26] A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' [27] Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' [28] Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' [29] Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' [30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. [31] But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon: The Revd Val Nellist

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 Cate Watson

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 Bright you break the bars of darkness,
radiant rise, our day's new Dawn.
Sharp the shards that fall around you,
fragments of a world now gone.

2 At your feet, death's chains lie severed,
underfoot, sin's sceptre cleft;
all creation sovereign claims you,
evil of its power bereft.

3 Let your light fall full upon us
where we cower, cloaked in dread.
Coax the fearful from their hiding,
rouse the sleepers, wake the dead!

4 Make the earth ring with rejoicing;
see, the winter storms are past.
Cast our sorrow, banish mourning:
all things are made new to last!

5 Pierced, the rock pours forth fresh waters,
swift they flow through all the earth,
till dry desert blooms with fragrance,
till dead landscape comes to birth.

6 Green the garden springs around you,
Tree of Life now wreathed in leaf;
wheat fields promise gold of harvest:
glory radiant in the sheaf.

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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, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we 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*)

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to his fearful disciples, welcoming weary fisherman on the shore, he renewed his promise of his presence and of a new birth in the Spirit, who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, 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 his 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 Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow: Christ lag in Todesbanden

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1 O choirs of new Jerusalem
your sweetest notes employ,
to tell the paschal victory
in songs of holy joy.

2 How Judah's Lion burst his chains
and crushed the serpent's head,
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

3 The depths of hell their captive prey
release to life once more;
this ransomed host pursues the way
where Christ is gone before.

4 Triumphant in his glory now,
to him all power is given;
to him does every creature bow:
Christ reigns on high in heaven.

5 While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

6 All glory, Lord, your people give,
to Christ the risen Son,
that in your Spirit we may live,
and praise you, ever one.

Robert Campbell alt., from *Chorus novae Ierusalem*, St Fulbert of Chartres (d.1028)

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 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King.
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is risen for ay:
bring flowers of songs to strew his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing to-day with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The Blessing & Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Postlude William Croft: Voluntary in D minor

NEXT WEEK

Monday 25th April
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

Tuesday 26th April
10 a.m. **Funeral William (Bill) Shanks**

Sunday 1st May
EASTER 3
8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Readings
Acts 9.1-6; Revelation 5.11-14;
John 21.1-19

OTHER NOTICES

Wellsprings: Praying through Lectio Divina
Weekly on Tuesdays 10am – 11.30 (including time for coffee)
17, 24, 31 May & 7, 14, 21 June

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