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Sunday 1st May 2022
EASTER 3

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rector
Readings: Jane Morris
Sidespeople: Cate & Barrie Watson

PREPARATION

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his piercèd side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2 Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

3 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave enthral:
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4 Easter triumph, Easter joy,
sin alone can this destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

Latin
tr. Robert Campbell

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

O God, who, in the death and resurrection of your Son, have raised up this fallen world: may we and all your people, whom you have saved from the gates of everlasting death, rejoice in your eternal presence; 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 9.1-6 (*please sit*)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high
priest [2] and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the
Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. [3] Now as he was going along and approaching
Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. [4] He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying
to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' [5] He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus,
whom you are persecuting. [6] But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Psalm 30.1-6,9-14 (*please join in saying the text in **bold**, pausing shortly at the *asterisk*)*

Refrain: I will exalt you, O Lord, **because you have lifted me up.**

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up*
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you,*
and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;*
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;*
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,*
his favour for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night,*
but joy comes in the morning.

I cried to you, O Lord;*
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

'What profit is there in my blood, if I go to the Pit?*
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;*
O Lord, be my helper.'

You have turned my wailing into dancing;*
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;*
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Refrain: **I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.**

Second Reading: Revelation 5.11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,[12] singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' [13] Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' [14] And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

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Gospel: John 21.1-19 (*please stand*)

When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself
in this way. [2] Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,[a] Nathanael of Cana in
Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. [3] Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'
They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught
nothing. [4] Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. [5] Jesus
said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' [6] He said to them, 'Cast the net
to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in
because there were so many fish. [7] That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon
Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. [8] But
the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only
about a hundred yards off. [9] When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and
bread. [10] Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' [11] So Simon Peter went aboard
and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so
many, the net was not torn. [12] Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared
to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. [13] Jesus came and took the bread and gave it
to them, and did the same with the fish. [14] This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples
after he was raised from the dead. [15] When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son
of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to
him, 'Feed my lambs.' [16] A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him,
'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' [17] He said to him the third time,
'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?'
And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my
sheep. [18] Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever
you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt
around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' [19] (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which
he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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 Andrew Pont

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 Jesus is risen, alleluia!
Worship and praise him, alleluia!
Now our Redeemer bursts from the grave:
lost to the tomb, Christ rises to save.

Come, let us worship him, endlessly sing;
Christ is alive and death loses its sting.
Sins are forgiven, alleluia!
Jesus is risen, alleluia!

2 Buried for three days, destined for death,
now he returns to breathe with our breath.
Blest are the ears alert to his voice,
blest are the hearts which for him rejoice.

3 'Don't be afraid!' the angel had said,
Why seek the living here with the dead?
Look, where he lay, his body is gone,
Risen and vibrant, warm with the sun.'

4 'Go and tell others, Christ is alive.'
Love is eternal, faith and hope thrive.
What God intended, Jesus fulfilled;
what God conceives can never be killed.

5 Let heaven echo, let the earth sing:
Jesus is saviour of everything.
All those who trust in him, Christ will receive;
therefore rejoice, obey and believe.

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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

is administered at the bottom of the chancel steps. Please use the hand sanitiser provided before and after receiving communion.

1 Take this moment, sign and space;
take my friends around;
here among us make the place
where your love is found.

2 Take the time to call my name,
take the time to mend
who I am and what I've been,
all I've failed to tend.

3 Take the tiredness of my days,
take my past regret,
letting Your forgiveness touch
all I can't forget.

4 Take the little child in me,
scared of growing old;
help me here to find my worth
made in Christ's own mould.

5 Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be;
let my life be yours, and yet
let it still be me.

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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 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

3 The God of splendour clothes the Son with life.
The spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptised we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: 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 Johann Pachelbel: Arietta in F – Thema and Variations 1&2

NEXT WEEK

Monday 2nd May
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

Tuesday 3rd May
7.30 p.m. **Dunblane Area Council Meeting** at St James, Dollar

Sunday 8th May
EASTER 4
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Readings
Acts 9.36-43; Revelation 7.9-17;
John 10.22-30

OTHER NOTICES

Wellsprings: Praying through Lectio Divina

Weekly on Tuesdays 10am – 11.30 (including time for coffee) on 17, 24, 31 May & 7, 14, 21 June.
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