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# Holy Trinity Church

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

**EASTER 4 (Good Shepherd Sunday)**

**Celebrant:** The Rector

**Readings:** Graeme Young

**Sidespeople:** Helen Kemp & Carol Kendall

## PREPARATION

**Organ Prelude** Naji Hakim: Strømmende (Glenalmond Suite)

**Opening Hymn** (*please stand*)

1 This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow.  
My Love, the Crucified,  
hath sprung to life this morrow:

*Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain:  
but now hath Christ arisen.*

2 My flesh in hope shall rest,  
and for a season slumber:  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number:

3 Death's flood hath lost its chill,  
since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver:

G.R. Woodward

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, the light of whose truth stretches out to those who go astray, that they may return to the path of righteousness: give your grace to all who profess themselves Christians, that they may cast out what is harmful, and pursue all that gives life; 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 9.36-43 (*please sit*)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**Psalm 23** (please join in saying the text in **bold**, pausing shortly at the **\*asterisk**)

*Refrain:* The Lord is my shepherd, **I shall not want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures\***  
**and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;\***  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over .

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,\***  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

*Refrain:* The Lord is my shepherd, **I shall not want.**

**Second Reading:** Revelation 5.11-14

I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' <sup>14</sup>I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

**Gospel Acclamation** (please stand)

*Bernadette Farrell*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Je - sus, ris - en Lord of life!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**Gospel:** John 10.22-30 (*please stand*)

*When it is announced:* **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,<sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.<sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;<sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.<sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.<sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.'

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 Nick Morris

**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 O God, you search me and you know me.  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down you are before me:  
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

2 You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar,  
and with love everlasting you besiege me:  
in every moment of life or death, you are.

3 Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
you have known its meaning through and  
through.

You are with me beyond my understanding:  
God of my present, my past and future, too.

4 Although your Spirit is upon me,  
still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:  
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

5 For you created me and shaped me,  
gave me life within my mother's womb.  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:  
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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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 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,  
and I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.

3 And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

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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 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

3 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

4 O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

## The Blessing & Dismissal

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

**Organ Postlude** Charles Villiers Stanford: Prelude on St Columba op.101,6

### NEXT WEEK

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

10 – 11.30 a.m. HT Tots Café

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

10 a.m. **Funeral Marion Graham**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

EASTER 5

10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

**Readings**

Acts 9.36-43; Revelation 7.9-17;

John 10.22-30

### OTHER NOTICES

**Keep the Heid and Read (Mental Health Week 2022):** The Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) in partnership with the [Mental Health Foundation](#) and the [Scottish Association for Mental Health \(SAMH\)](#) and supported by Baillie Gifford, aims to inspire and encourage people of all ages and abilities to read every day to boost their mental health and wellbeing – starting with a pledge to read for just six minutes on Wednesday 11 May. The online totaliser, capturing the number of reading minutes pledged towards the national reading moment, is available at: [www.keeptheheid.scot](http://www.keeptheheid.scot). **Why not join in and maybe read one of the Books in the Bible?** Paul's Letter to the Colossians should not take longer than 12 minutes to read!

**Wellsprings: Praying through Lectio Divina** To pray is to draw closer to the heart of God. In our Sunday service, we offer prayers each week for the church, the world, for the needs of others and ourselves. But prayer is also about listening quietly to hear what God might be saying to each one of us.

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

For more information, see leaflet & sign-up sheet in church or contact the Revd Joan Lyon on 07807 783168 or email [joanblyon@gmail.com](mailto:joanblyon@gmail.com).

#### **Christian Aid Week 2022:**

Please donate to the Holy Trinity e-envelope for Christian Aid Week. Simply click on <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/holy-trinity-stirling> or copy it into your browser. Please feel free to pass this link on to your family and friends or circulate it on social media. Last year, we raised £760 + Gift Aid and it would be good if we could at least equal that amount. Please make all donations to the e-envelope **by Saturday 21 May**.

**Christian Aid Big Brekkie:** HTKidz are hosting a Christian Aid Big Brekkie on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30 a.m.** (before the service). All welcome!

**Lay Ministry Day at St Ninian's Cathedral Perth:** Bishop Ian and the Diocesan Lay Ministries Group invite you to a celebration of Lay Ministries of all kinds. This includes formally authorised ministries such as Eucharistic Minister, Young People's or Children's leader, or Pastoral Visitor, but also many other ministries such as Vestry member, Office bearer, offering church hospitality, care of vestments, maintenance of property, and playing music or singing in the choir, and many more. All of these are ministries in service of the Church and the kingdom, and the day will celebrate and affirm those who serve in them, as well as offering an opportunity to meet others from across the Diocese. **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2-4.30 p.m.**