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# Holy Trinity Church

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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

**EASTER 5**

**Celebrant:** The Rector

**Readings:** Nick Morris

**Sidespeople:** Jan Foster & Fiona Macleod

## PREPARATION

**Organ Prelude** Florence Price: Adoration

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

1 An Upper Room did our Lord prepare  
for those he loved until the end:  
and his disciples still gather there,  
to celebrate their Risen Friend.

3 And after supper he washed their feet,  
for service, too, is sacrament.  
In him our joy shall be made complete  
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own,  
to share his bread, his loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
he by his Cross shall lift us up.

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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 alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people: give us grace to love the things you command, and to desire the things you promise; that, amid the uncertain changes of this world, our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 11.1-18 (*please sit*)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>8</sup> But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to

go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.<sup>[c]</sup> These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.<sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;<sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved."<sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.<sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."<sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.

**Psalm 148** (*please join in saying the text in **bold**, pausing shortly at the **\*asterisk***)

*Refrain:* Praise, O praise **the name of the Lord.**

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;\*  
praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you angels of his;\*  
praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon;\*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens,\*  
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord;\*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever;\*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,\*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog,\*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills,\*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

**Wild beasts and all cattle,\*  
creeping things and wingèd birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,\*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens,\*  
old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,\*  
for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,\*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

*Refrain: Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.*

### Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.<sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'<sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

### Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)



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 13.31-35 (*please stand*) *When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.*

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.<sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.<sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come."<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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.

**Intercessions** led by Ian Boa (*please sit*)

**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 Word that formed creation, earth and sea and sky;  
Word that brings salvation, Word that will not die;  
speak now in us that we might hear your call;  
Living Word of Jesus, sound within us all.

2 Love that formed and named us, filled this clay with breath;  
Love that seeks and claims us, Love beyond all death;  
come now and fire the life that flows from you;  
Love that raised up Jesus, raise us up anew.

3 Song of joy and wonder, sound so wild and free;  
voice of wind and thunder, boundless as the sea;  
Music of God, the love that casts out fear;  
Song that sang in Jesus, sing within us here.

4 God of all creation, form our hearts anew;  
God of our salvation, lead us home to you;  
Spirit, inspire our hearts to hear your call;  
Living God of Jesus, come renew us all!

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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.*

*(In the following song, the words "those who" are each sung to two notes.)*

1 The love of God comes close  
where stands an open door  
to let the stranger in,  
to mingle rich and poor:

the love of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk his way.

2 The peace of God comes close  
to those caught in the storm,  
forgoing loves of ease  
to ease the lives forlorn:

the peace of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk his way.

3 The joy of God comes close  
where faith encounters fears,  
where heights and depths of life  
are found through smiles and tears:

the joy of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk his way.

4 The grace of God comes close  
to those whose grace is spent,  
when hearts are tired or sore  
and hope is bruised or bent:

the grace of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk his way.

5 The Son of God comes close  
where people praise his name,  
where bread and wine are blest  
and shared, as when he came:

the Son of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk God's way.

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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 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine  
from the furrows of the grave.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

4 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia! to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia! to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth

## The Blessing & Dismissal

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

## Organ Postlude

### NEXT WEEK

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
10 – 11.30 a.m. HT Tots Café

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
10 – 11.30 a.m. Wellsprings

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
7 p.m. Vestry Meeting

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
EASTER 6  
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** 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**.

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