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# Holy Trinity Church

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Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

**PENTECOST 12**

**Celebrant:** The Rector

**Readings:** Cathy Johnston

**Sidespeople:** Carol Kendall & Libby Coats

## PREPARATION

**Organ Prelude** Olivier Messiaen: Desseins éternels (La Nativité du Seigneur)

### Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

5 Into this world morning is breaking;  
all of God's people, lift up your voice.  
Cry out with joy, tell out the story;  
All of the earth, rejoice!

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

### The Presentation

I present to you Rebekah, who is to serve among us as a Deacon. In the name of the Church, deacons care for those in need, serving God and the world after the pattern of Christ. To fulfil such a task is not in human power but depends upon the grace of God.

Rebekah: will you be among us as a deacon, serving Christ in this place and in the world? *I will.*

Will you, the people of God in this place, support Rebekah in her ministry as she serves among us?

**We will.**

Rebekah, may the Lord who has called you to this work, and given you the will to undertake it, also give you grace to perform it. **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 and merciful God, by whose grace alone your faithful people offer you service and praise: grant that we may hasten without stumbling towards the things that you promise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Proverbs 25.6-7 (*please sit*)

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, 'Come up here', than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

**Psalm 112** (*please join in saying the text in bold, pausing shortly at the \*asterisk*)

*Refrain:* Light shines in the darkness **for the upright.**

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord\*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;\***

**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,\*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;\***  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending\*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;\***  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours;\*  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,\***  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor,\*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;\***  
**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

*Refrain: Light shines in the darkness for the upright.*

**Second Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue.<sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.<sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.<sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.<sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'<sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.<sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.<sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** (*please stand*)



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**Gospel:** Luke 14.1, 7-14 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' <sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

**Sermon:** The Revd Rebekah Sims

**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 Cate Watson (*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 Beauty for brokenness,  
hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suffering world  
this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children,  
justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset  
your kingdom increase!

2 Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen,  
trade for their skills.  
Land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause  
of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray:  
melt our cold hearts  
let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love  
from a spark to a flame.*

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3 Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary,  
freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing-fields,  
scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness,  
his cross for the pain.

4 Rest for the ravaged earth,  
oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned:  
our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,  
carelessness, greed;  
make us content with  
the things that we need.

*God of the poor...*

5 Lighten our darkness,  
breathe on this flame,  
until your justice burns  
brightly again;  
until the nations  
learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation  
and bring you their praise.

*God of the poor...*

### 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 our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is. In Christ your Son our life and

yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you. Through your Holy Spirit, you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love. As children of your redeeming purpose 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)***

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world. On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. 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. Hand sanitiser is provided.

## A Place at the Table

Shirley Erena Murray  
1931-2020

Lori True  
b. 1961

### Verses



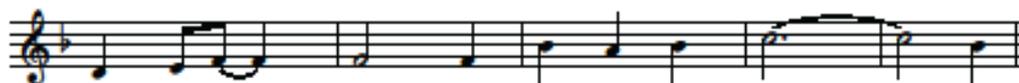
1. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for  
2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble, re -  
3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a  
4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a -  
5. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to



ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, a  
vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, with  
voice to be heard, a part in the song, the  
bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give, in  
live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be, to



shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing, for  
wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for  
hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled, for  
an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for  
work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for



ev - 'ry - one born, a star o - ver - head.  
wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair.  
young and for old, the right to be - long. And  
just and un - just, a new way to live.  
ev - 'ry - one born, the right to be free.

### Refrain



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of



jus - tice and joy, yes, God will de - light



when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy!

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## THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

### Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Final Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might,  
the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

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### The Blessing & Dismissal

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

### Organ Postlude Domenico Scarlatti: Sonata in G

## NOTICES

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August**  
10 – 11.30 a.m. HT Tots Café

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September**  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
PENTECOST 13  
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

**Readings;**  
Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14.25-33

### 2 p.m. Diocesan Global Gathering

Connect and reconnect with others throughout our diocese, and to learn about and celebrate what is going on around the world among our partner dioceses. Bring a picnic lunch around 1.30pm (teas and coffees will be provided). From 2pm there will be activities and at the end of the afternoon there will be tea.

The Gathering will close with Choral Evensong, from 16.45 until approximately 17.30.