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Sunday 11th September 2022
FESTIVAL OF DEDICATION

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

Celebrant: The Rector
Readings: Mary Kenyon
Sidespeople: Ann Lees & Fiona Macleod

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude William Walton: Elegy (from 'Richard III')

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Scottish Psalter 1650

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

Loving God, you are the source of all that is, creating and sustaining every living thing. Called to be good stewards of your creation, we acknowledge the ways in which we have marred your image within us, as we 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.

Collect

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: grant that all who seek you in this place may find you; and being filled with the Holy Spirit may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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: 1 Chronicles 29.6-19 (*please sit*)

The leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill-offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the
commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. 7 They gave for
the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents
of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. 8 Whoever had
precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, into the care of Jehiel the
Gershonite. 9 Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had
offered freely to the LORD; King David also rejoiced greatly. 10 Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of
all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and
ever. 11 Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in
the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above
all. 12 Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is
in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise
your glorious name. 14 'But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-
offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. 15 For we are aliens and transients
before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no
hope. 16 O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy
name comes from your hand and is all your own. 17 I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take
pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have
seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. 18 O LORD, the God of Abraham,

Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts towards you. [19] Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision.'

Gradual Psalm 122

1 I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to the house of God.'
And now our feet are standing
in your gates, O Jerusalem!

Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here.
Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.

2 Like a temple of unity
is the city, Jerusalem.
It is there all tribes will gather,
all the tribes of the house of God.

3 It is faithful to Israel's law,
there to praise the name of God.
All the judgement seats of David
were set down in Jerusalem.

4 For the peace of all nations, pray:
for God's peace within your homes.
May God's lasting peace surround us;
may it dwell in Jerusalem.

5 For the love of my friends and kin
I will bless you with signs of peace.
For the love of God's own people
I will labour and pray for you.

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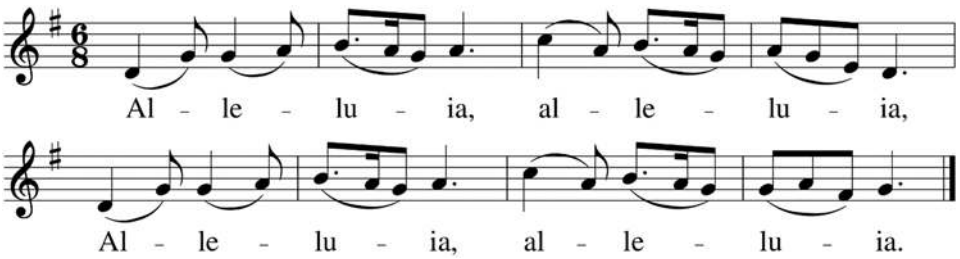
Second Reading: Ephesians 2.19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, [20] built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. [21] In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; [22] in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

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Gospel: John 2.13-22 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [14] In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. [15] Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. [16] He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' [17] His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' [18] The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' [19] Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' [20] The Jews then said,

‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ [21] But he was speaking of the temple of his body. [22] After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 David Brown (*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 From the falter of breath,
through the silence of death,
to the wonder that's breaking beyond;
God has woven a way,
unapparent by day,
for all those of whom heaven is fond.

2 From frustrations and pain,
through hope hard to sustain,
to the wholeness here promised, there known;
Christ has gone where we fear
and has vowed to be near
on the journey we make on our own.

3 From the dimming of light,
through the darkness of night,
to the glory of goodness above;
God the Spirit is sent
to ensure heaven's intent
is embraced and completed in love.

4 From today till we die,
through all questioning why,
to the place from which time and tide flow;
angels tread on our dreams
and magnificent themes
of heaven's promise are echoed below.

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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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. You have created us in your image, to love and serve you in our lives in this world until we find eternal rest and peace in you. Christ your Son died for us, and in Baptism we have died with him, that, as you raised him from the dead, we may rise to new life and rejoice in your eternal presence. Your Spirit empowers us, your living breath renews us, guides us through this world, and will bring us, rejoicing, to eternal life in You. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by Christ who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with all the faithful departed and all your saints, with the 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 your Cross, eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and brought the dead to new life. Before he was given up to suffering and death, Christ your Son taught his disciples of the life to come.

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 the Spirit's 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.*

Communion Hymn

1 Dearest Jesu, we are here,
at thy call, thy presence owning;
pleading now in holy fear
that great sacrifice atoning:
Word incarnate, much in wonder
on this mystery deep we ponder.

2 Jesu, strong to save – the same
yesterday, to-day, for ever -
make us fear and love thy name,
serving thee with best endeavour:
in this life, O ne'er forsake us,
but to bliss hereafter take us.

G. R Woodward after Tobias Clausnitzer

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all that is, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy. Amen.

Final Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude William Walton: Scherzetto (from 'Richard III')

A Prayer for HM The Queen

Almighty and eternal God, you uphold and govern all things both in heaven and on earth, and by your grace alone kings and queens do reign. We thank you for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us through our late sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth, whom you have called from this life. We thank you for the wisdom of her guidance and her love of peace, for the care and devotion with which she served her people, for the example of her gracious life. We pray that you would fill our hearts with gratitude for all these good things, and give us grace that we may use the memory of them as a perpetual call to live according to your will, for the good of all the world, and the glory of your great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

Today 3 p.m. Remembrance Service for those affected by baby loss at Dunblane Cathedral - hosted by the Mariposa Trust, also known by the name of its primary division 'Saying Goodbye', which is a leading bereavement support charity.

Monday 12th September
10 – 11.30 a.m. HT Tots Café

Thursday 15th September
11 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 18th September

PENTECOST 15	Readings;
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Amos 8.4-7; 1 Timothy 2.1-7;
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist	Luke 16.1-13

Ukrainian Clothing Appeal (via Forth Valley Welcome):
There is a large number of Ukrainian refugees who are living in Dunblane Hydro, and who have come over with hardly any clothing. As autumn & winter are approaching, there are specific things that are needed. They are: waterproof coats, trainers/shoes/boots, winter clothes (jumpers etc) and sports clothes. Either new or good quality second-hand clothes/shoes are welcome. Collection until the end of September, even if we can gather a few items, it would be welcome.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) will be held on Sunday 25th September. This year we'll be doing a Bring & Share Lunch as part of the meeting: please do bring some fingerfood to share. Tea & Coffee will be provided.