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Sunday 18th September 2022

PENTECOST 15

Celebrant: The Rector

Readings: Tony Mitchell

Sidespeople: Jan Foster & Helen Kemp

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Johannes Brahms: O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen op.122,6

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Give thanks for those whose lives shone with a light
caught from the Christ-flame, gleaming through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right:
Alleluia, alleluia!

3 Give thanks for all, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread:
Alleluia, alleluia!

4 Give thanks for hope that, like the seed of grain
lying in darkness does its life retain,
to rise in glory, growing green again:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Shirley Erena Murray *alt.*
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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.**

Collect

God Most High, maker of heaven and earth, you created humankind in your own image and entrusted the whole world to human care: give us grace to serve you faithfully, that we might be trustworthy stewards of your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Amos 8.4-7 (*please sit*)

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,⁵ saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances,⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalm 113 (*please join in saying the text in bold, pausing shortly at the *asterisk*)

Refrain: Give praise to the Lord **who lifts up the poor.**

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;*
praise the name of the Lord.

**Let the name of the Lord be blessed,*
from this time forth for evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down*

let the name of the Lord be praised.

**The Lord is high above all nations,*
and his glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,*
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

**He takes up the weak out of the dust*
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

He sets them with the princes,*
with the princes of his people.

**He makes the woman of a childless house*
to be a joyful mother of children.**

Refrain: Give praise to the Lord **who lifts up the poor.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone,² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.³ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour,⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time.⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)



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Gospel: Luke 16.1-13 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.² So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer."³ Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes."⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?"⁶ He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty."⁷ Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty."⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age

are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

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 Alistair Shaw (*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 We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds
are present as if meant to last.

2 But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

3 So some have come who need your help,
and some have come to make amends:
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

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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.*

Anthem Felix Mendelssohn: O rest in the Lord (from 'Elijah')

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 Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
who reign in highest heaven -
the Father and the Son,
and Spirit - now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart
tr. Catherine Winkworth

The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude Felix Mendelssohn: Andante tranquillo (from Sonata no 3) op.37,3

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

Monday 19th September

8 p.m. **Compline**

Thursday 22nd September

11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Sunday 25th September

PENTECOST 16 & ACM

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**

10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Readings

Amos 6.1a,4-7; 1 Timothy 6.6-19;

Luke 16.19-31

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)** will be held after the service at 10.30. Please bring your own lunch and maybe something to share. Tea & Coffee will be provided.

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.