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Sunday 23rd October 2022
PENTECOST 20

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

Celebrant: The Rector
Readings: Sue Stirling-Aird
Sidespeople: Libby Coats & volunteer

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Florence Price: Adoration

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race
through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

J. S. B. Monsell

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 Lord, in your mercy: grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; 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: Jeremiah 14.7-10,19-22 (*please sit*)

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you. 8 O hope of Israel, its saviour in time of trouble, why should you be like a
stranger in the land, like a traveller turning aside for the night? 9 Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your
name; do not forsake us! 10 Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they
have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins. 19 Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you
struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing,
but there is terror instead. 20 We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we
have sinned against you. 21 Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonour your glorious
throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. 22 Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can
the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Psalm 84.1-6 (*please join in saying the text in **bold**, pausing shortly at the *asterisk*)*

Refrain: Happy are they **who dwell in your house.**

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!*
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;*
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house!*
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you!*
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,*
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height,*
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Refrain: **Happy are they who dwell in your house.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. [7] I have fought
the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8] From now on there is reserved for me the crown
of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also
to all who have longed for his appearing. [16] At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted
me. May it not be counted against them! [17] But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through
me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's
mouth. [18] The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the
glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

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Gospel: Luke 18.9-14 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with
contempt: [10] 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. [11] The
Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves,
rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. [12] I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." [13] But

the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" [14] I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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 We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise
that every child of earth
should live and grow in freedom's ways,
in dignity and worth.

2 We praise for such a task begun
to serve each other's need,
for every cause of justice won,
for every fetter freed.

3 Our prayers are for a world in pain
where force and fear prevail,
the plough becomes the sword again,
and hope and harvests fail.

4 Alike our prayer and praise express
the wants of humankind,
that those in bondage and distress
their larger freedoms find.

5 So may we still maintain the fight
till earth's oppressions cease
before the universal right
to liberty and peace.

6 In Christ we learn to love and care
and spread his truth abroad;
and in his Name we lift our prayer:
'Your kingdom come, O Lord.'

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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, 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.*

1 O God, you are my God alone,
whom eagerly I seek,
though longing fills my soul with thirst
and leaves my body weak.
Just like a dry and barren land
awaits a freshening shower
I long within your house to see
your glory and your power.

2 Your faithful love surpasses life,
evoking all my praise.
Through every day, to bless your name,
my hands in joy I'll raise.
My deepest needs you satisfy
as with a sumptuous feast.
So, on my lips and in my heart,
your praise has never ceased.

3 Throughout the night I lie in bed
and call you, Lord, to mind;
in darkest hours I meditate
how God, my strength, is kind.
Beneath the shadow of your wing,
I live and feel secure;
and daily as I follow close,
your right hand keeps me sure.

John Bell (after Psalm 63)
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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 Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
ye for whom a corner-stone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.

2 Living stones, by God appointed
each to his allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.

3 Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude Charles Villiers Stanford: Prelude op.101,1

NOTICES

Monday 24th October
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

Wednesday 26th October
7.30 – 9 p.m. **Wellsprings: Praying with Lectio Divina**
Offered by the Revd Joan Lyon in her home at 17 Randolph Court, Stirling FK8 2AL. This will last about an hour and all are welcome to stay for a cup of tea or coffee. Contact: joanblyon@gmail.com. Maximum number is 9.

Thursday 27th October
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Sunday 30th October

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	**Readings**
8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**	Jeremiah 14.7-10,19-22; 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18;
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**	Luke 18.9-14

Wednesday 2nd November
ALL SOULS
6.30 p.m. **Sung Eucharist & Act of Remembrance**
Names of loved ones who have died are read out in this service. Should you wish to have names included in the service, please write them (clearly!) on the sheets provide at the back of the church, on the prayer tree (see note below), or email rector@holytrinitystirling.org.

Remembrance Prayer Tree in the Church Hall: all are invited to write names of loved ones on a leaf and add it to the prayer tree. Names left on the tree will be prayed for in our All Souls service and it will be good to have names offered by church hall users as well as members of the HT community.