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Sunday 6th November 2022

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

PENTECOST 22

Celebrant: The Revd Val Nellist

Readings: Graeme Young

Sidespeople: Jane & Nick Morris

PREPARATION

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

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.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

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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: *Peruvian Gloria* (please stand)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father!

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father!

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!**

Collect

O God, our refuge and strength, the very author of devotion: hear the prayers of your Church;
and grant that what we seek in faith we may in fact obtain; 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: Job 19.23-27a (*please sit*)

Job said: 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! ²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶ and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

Psalm 17.1-9 (please join in saying the text in **bold**, pausing shortly at the ***asterisk**)

Refrain: Show me, O Lord, **your loving kindness.**

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry;*
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence;*
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night,*
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offence with my mouth as others do;*
I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;*
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;*
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness,*
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;*
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

From the wicked who assault me,*
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Refrain: Show me, O Lord, **your loving kindness.**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters[□] beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)



Gospel: Luke 20.27-38 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus ²⁸ and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

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

Sermon: The Revd Val Nellist

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*)

*Refrain: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

1 When you walk through the waters I'll be with you,
you will never sink beneath the waves.

2 When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

3 When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.

4 When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

5 You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

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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

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.

Jacques Berthier



Let all who are thir - sty come Let all who wish re -
ceive the wa - ter of life free - ly. A - men, come Lord
Je - sus. A - men, come Lord Je - sus.

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Post Communion Hymn

1 All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.

2 I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,
Who once was slain to reconcile the world to God.
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

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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 Sent by the Lord am I;
my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place
in which the kingdom comes.
Sent by the Lord am I;
my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place
in which the kingdom comes.

2 The angels cannot change
a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love,
of justice and of peace.
The task is mine to do,
to set it really free.
Oh, help me to obey;
help me to do your will.

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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

NOTICES

Monday 7th November

10 – 11.30 a.m. HT Tots Café

Wednesday 9th November

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 10th November

11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Sunday 13th November

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Readings

Malachi 4.1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13;

Luke 21.5-19

We'll have a **Community Lunch** after the service on **Sunday 20th November** (including a craft stall). Do make sure to attend – a sign up sheet for contributions is at the back of church. Contact Helen Piper for more information: helenshofarsounder@gmail.com or 078709 89133.