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Sunday 13th November 2022 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Celebrant: The Rector

Readings: Nick Morris

Sidespeople: Helen Kemp & Jan Foster

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Johannes Brahms: Herzlich tut mich verlangen op.122,9

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2 Under the shadow of your throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts after Psalm 90

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.

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:
"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength."
The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie Kilcreggan Mass (*see separate music sheet*) (*please stand*)

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Collect

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Malachi 4.1-2a (*please sit*)

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. [2] But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalm 98 (*please join in saying the text in **bold**, pausing shortly at the *asterisk*)

Refrain: The Lord comes to judge the earth **and the peoples with equity.**

Sing to the Lord a new song,*
for he has done marvellous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm*
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;*
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp,*
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn*
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,*
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world*
and the peoples with equity.

Refrain: The Lord comes to judge the earth and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who
are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. [7] For you yourselves know
how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, [8] and we did not eat anyone's bread
without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of
you. [9] This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. [10] For
even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. [11] For we
hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. [12] Now such persons we
command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. [13] Brothers
and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

Gospel: Luke 21.5-19 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated
to God, he said, [6] 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon
another; all will be thrown down.' [7] They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that
this is about to take place?' [8] And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name
and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. [9] 'When you hear of wars and insurrections,
do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' [10] Then he
said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; [11] there will be great earthquakes,
and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.
[12] 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues
and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. [13] This will give you an
opportunity to testify. [14] So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; [15] for I will give you
words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. [16] You will be
betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. [17] You
will be hated by all because of my name. [18] But not a hair of your head will perish. [19] By your endurance you
will gain your souls.'

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

Sermon: The Rector

Act of Remembrance (*please stand*)

We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.
We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

A two minute silence is held.

Organ Reflection (*please sit*)

Intercessions led by Andrew Pont (*please sit*)

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.**

The Peace (*please stand*)

Jesus said: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

We meet in Christ's name. **Let us share his peace.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Eternal God, before whose face we stand,
your earthly children, fashioned by your hand,
hear and behold us, for to you alone
all hearts are open, all our longings known:
so for our world and for ourselves we pray
the gift of peace, O Lord, in this our day.

2 We come with grief, with thankfulness and pride,
to hold in honour those who served and died;
we bring our hurt, our loneliness and loss,
to him who hung forsaken on the cross;
who, for our peace, our pains and sorrows bore,
and with the Father lives for evermore.

3 O Prince of Peace, who gave for us your life,
look down in pity on our sin and strife.
May this remembrance move our hearts to build
a peace enduring, and a hope fulfilled,
when every flag of tyranny is furled
and wars at last shall cease in all the world.

4 From earth's long tale of suffering here below
we pray the fragile flower of peace may grow,
till cloud and darkness vanish from our skies
to see the Sun of Righteousness arise.
When night is past and peace shall banish pain,
all shall be well, in God's eternal reign.

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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.*

When we are living, we are in the Lord;
when we are dying, we are in the Lord;
for in our living and in our dying,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

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Post Communion Hymn

1 Christ bids us break the bread
and share the cup he gave,
in token of the blood he shed
for those he died to save.

2 It was for us he came,
to bear, by human birth,
a crown of thorn, a cross of shame,
for every child on earth.

3 The Saviour crucified
in glory rose again:
we here remember him who died,
ascended now to reign.

4 Our hearts his word obey,
in thankfulness and love:
we feed on Christ by faith today
and feast with him above.

5 O Christ, once lifted up
that we might be forgiven,
we take the bread and drink the cup
and share the life of heaven.

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THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Post Communion Prayer

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn (*please stand*)

1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind.
For our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

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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')

NOTICES

Monday 14th November
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

Wednesday 16th 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 17th November
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Sunday 20th November	**Readings**
CHRIST THE KING	Jeremiah 23.1-6; Colossians 1.11-20;
10.30 a.m. **All Age Eucharist**	Luke 23.33-43

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.

Advent Study Groups 2022: Mary & the Magnificat
This year, we'll be focussing on Mary (and see what the Bible tells us about her) and study Mary's Song found in Luke's Gospel, which has been very influential on Christian theology, art and music. Two groups will run for 3 weeks in December: Wednesday mornings at 10.30 a.m. (7th, 14th & 21st December) and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. (8th, 15th & 22nd December). Sign-up sheets at the back of church.