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Sunday 19th February 2023 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Sunday before Lent

Celebrant: The Rector
Readings: Graeme Young
Sidespeople: Cate & Barrie Watson

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Louis Vierne: Arabesque (24 Pièces en style libre) op.31,15

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

5 Into this world morning is breaking;
all of God's people, lift up your voice.
Cry out with joy, tell out the story;
All of the earth, rejoice!

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Opening

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: *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

Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross, that, in the world to come, we may see him as he is; through the same 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: Exodus 24.12-18 (*please sit*)

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of
stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' [13] So Moses set out
with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. [14] To the elders he had said, 'Wait
here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to
them.' [15] Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. [16] The glory of
the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses
out of the cloud. [17] Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the
mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. [18] Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses
was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Gradual Hymn

1 Jesus, on the mountain peak,
stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising:
Alleluia!

2 Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the Prophets and the Law
shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia!

3 Swift the cloud of glory came,
God, proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as his Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:
Alleluia!

4 Jesus is the chosen One,
living hope of every nation;
hear and heed him, everyone;
sing, with earth and all creation,
Alleluia!

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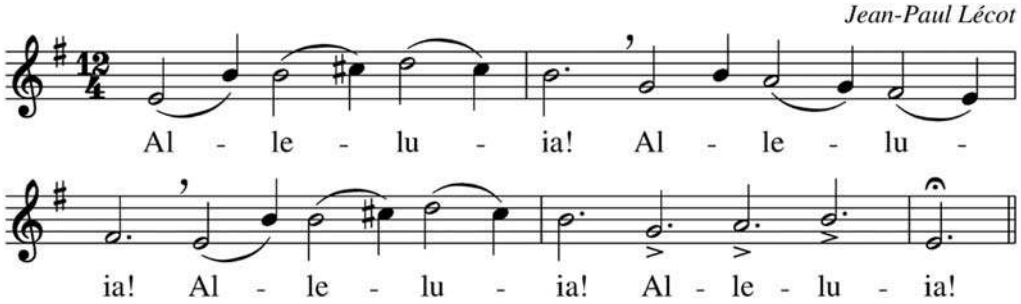
Second Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-21 (*please sit*)

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. [17] For he received honour and glory from God the
Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with
whom I am well pleased.' [18] We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the
holy mountain. [19] So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to
this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. [20] First
of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own
interpretation, [21] because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy
Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel Acclamation

(*please stand*)

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. [2] And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. [3] Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. [4] Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' [5] While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' [6] When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. [7] But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' [8] And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. [9] As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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 Robert Nellist (*please sit or kneel*)

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 Sing to the world of Christ our sovereign Lord,
tell of his birth which brought new life to all.
Speak of his life, his love, his holy word;
let every nation hear and know his call.
Sing to the world of Christ our sovereign Lord.

2 Sing to the world of Christ the Prince of Peace,
showing to us the Father's loving care,
pleading that love should reign and wars might cease,
teaching we need the love of God to share.
Sing to the world of Christ the Prince of Peace.

3 Sing to the world of Christ our steadfast friend,
offering himself to live the constant sign,
food for our souls until we meet life's end,
gives us his flesh for bread, his blood for wine.
Sing to the world of Christ our steadfast Friend.

4 Sing to the world of Christ our Saviour King,
born that his death the world's release should win.
hung on a cross, forgiveness he could bring;
buried, he rose to conquer death and sin.
Sing to the world of Christ our Saviour King.

5 Sing to the world of Christ at God's right hand,
praise to the Spirit both have sent from heaven.
Living in us till earth shall reach its span,
time be no more, and Christ shall come again.
Sing to the world of Christ at God's right hand.

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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 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 in both kinds at the bottom of the chancel steps. Hand sanitiser is provided. It is perfectly acceptable to only receive the bread, should you so wish. Please do not intinct (dip the bread into the wine) as this is not considered to be a hygienic practice. The communicant may respond with ***Amen*** *when receiving the bread and wine.*

Santo, santo, santo,	*Holy, holy, holy,*
mi corazón te adora!	*my heart, my heart adores you!*
Mi corazón te sabe decir:	*My heart is glad to say the words:*
santo eres, Señor.	*you are holy, Lord.*

1 Sing to God with gladness, all creation,
sing to God the song of God's great love,
sing to God who made the heavens,
sing to God who made the loveliness of earth!
Sing to the Lord, sing Alleluia,
sing to the Lord, sing with joy!

2 Sing to God on high, O sun in splendour,
sing to God on high, O silver moon,
sing to God, O sky at dawning,
sing to God, O starlit silence of the night!

3 Sing your song of glory, angel voices,
sing your song of peace to all the earth,
sing of peace, the heart's deep longing,
sing of peace that comes from God
and God alone!

4 Sing to God the Father, all creation,
sing to God his dear and only Son,
sing to God the loving Spirit,
sing with joy to God, one God, for evermore!

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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 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me:

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light!

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
shine on me, shine on me:

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story:
shine on me, shine on me:

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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

NOTICES

Monday 20th February
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

Wednesday 22nd February
Ash Wednesday
7.30 p.m. **Sung Eucharist & Rite of Ashing**

Thursday 23rd February
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Sunday 26th February

LENT 1	**Readings**
8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**	2.15-17; 3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19;
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**	Matthew 4.1-11

Lent Groups 2023

This year, we'll we meet to discuss Christian basics and peculiarities of the Scottish Episcopal Church as part of our Lent Groups. This will hopefully be a good opportunity to discuss and re-visit the foundations of our faith and share in fellowship with others at HT. Two groups will run in parallel for five weeks during Lent on Wednesday mornings at 10.30 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m.

Bishop Ian will be with us at HT on Sunday 21st May for a service of Confirmation. Should you have not been confirmed yet and wish to be included, please speak to the Rector or a member of the ministry team.