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Sunday 21st May 2023
EASTER 7

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

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Ian Paton, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane

Readings: Sue Stirling Aird

Sidespeople: Carol Kendall & Jan Foster

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the Sacrament by which each person affirms for themselves the Christian faith into which they have been Baptised, and declares their intention to live a life of committed discipleship. This affirmation is Confirmed through prayer and the laying-on of hands by the Bishop, who prays that God will enable them through the Holy Spirit to live in the way of Jesus.

In the Episcopal Church, Confirmation is not seen as a 'completion' of Christian initiation, making someone a 'full member' of the Church, nor as a way of starting receiving Holy Communion. This is because Baptism itself is complete initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's body the Church, at whatever age or stage of faith it takes place.

Every Baptised person still needs to grow as a disciple, whether they are a child or an adult. Confirmation is an important moment in their growth, when they reaffirm for themselves the promises made at Baptism and receive the strength and grace of the Holy Spirit for their continuing life as a disciple of Jesus Christ and member of his Church.

Defend, O Lord, your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase
in your Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to
your everlasting kingdom.

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Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ For all the benefits Thou hast
gained for me, For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me. O
most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, May I know Thee more
clearly, Love thee more dearly, Follow thee more nearly.

Prayer of St Richard of Chichester (mid 13th c.)

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Dietrich Buxtehude: Komm heiliger Geist, Herre Gott BuxWV 199

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Affirm anew the three-fold name
of Father, Spirit, Son,
our God whose saving acts proclaim
a world's salvation won.

In God alone we live and move
and breath and being find,
the wayward children of God's love
who cares for humankind.

2 Declare in all the earth God's grace,
to every heart God's call,
the living Lord of time and place
whose love embraces all.

So shall God's endless praise be sung,
God's teaching truly heard,
and every culture, every tongue,
receive God's timeless word.

3 Confirm our faith in this our day
amid earth's shifting sand,
with Christ as Life and Truth and Way,
a Rock on which to stand;
the one eternal Son and Lord
by God the Father given,
the true and life-imparting Word,
the Way that leads to heaven.

4 Renew once more the ancient fire,
let love our hearts inflame;
renew, restore, unite, inspire
the Church that bears your name;
one name exalted over all,
one Father, Spirit, Son,
O grant us grace to heed your call
and in that name be one.

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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 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 God, the King of Glory, hear our prayer: that as we believe your Son Jesus Christ to be exalted with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven; so also we may know his presence with us now, and to the end of time; 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: Acts 1.6-14 (*please sit*)

When the disciples had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Gradual Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.

2 Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as advocate to plead;
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

3 Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.

4 Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One;
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

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Second Reading: 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)



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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Je - sus, ris - en Lord of life!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel: John 17.1-11 (*please stand*)

When it is announced: **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are

mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

Sermon: The Bishop

THE LITURGY OF CONFIRMATION

Chant

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri-tus, ve - ni
San - cte Spi - ri-tus, ve - ni, ve - ni
San-cte Spi-ri - tus, ve - ni San - cte Spi-ri - tus.

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Introduction

Blessed be God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by whose great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Presentation of the Candidates

Right Reverend Father in God, our brothers and sisters Laura, Cate, David and Ian have come to make a deeper commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ by renewing their baptismal promises and affirming their faith.

Prayer

Let us pray for Laura, Cate, David & Ian and for ourselves.

Eternal God,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
keep your people,
born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to their calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Turning to Christ

The candidates are addressed.

The Christian life means turning from evil and turning to Christ. Do you renounce evil?
I renounce evil.

Do you repent of sin?
I repent of sin.

Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ.

Will you follow Christ?
I will follow Christ.

Profession of Faith

The whole congregation is addressed.

Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

The candidates are addressed.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Commitment to Christian Life

The candidates are addressed.

Laura, Cate, David and Ian,
as a disciple of Christ will you continue
in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed,
serving Christ in all people?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you work for justice and peace,
honouring God in all Creation?

With the help of God, I will.

The whole congregation is addressed.

This is the task of the Church.

This is our task; to live and work for the kingdom of God.

The Laying-On of Hands

God of mercy and love,
new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift,
a gift none can take away;
grant that your servants may grow
into the fullness of the stature of Christ.
Fill them with the joy of your presence.
Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,
the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

The Bishop lays hands on each candidate.

Come, Creator Spirit, rekindle in N. your gifts of grace,
to love and serve as a disciple of Christ.

Amen.

Renew her/his life in Christ
and bring to completion all that your calling has begun.

Amen.

Anointing the candidate with the Oil of Chrism (a sign of the Holy Spirit)

Empower your disciple, N., to bring life to the world. **Amen.**

At the conclusion of the laying-on of hands for all of the candidates,

Living God, sustain all your people
to be hope and strength to the world;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn (*please stand*)

1 We turn to Christ anew
who hear his call today,
his way to walk, his will pursue,
his word obey.

To serve him as our King
and of his kingdom learn,
from sin and every evil thing
to him we turn.

2 We trust in Christ to save;
in him new life begins:
who by his cross a ransom gave
from all our sins.

Our spirits' strength and stay
who when all flesh is dust
will keep us on that final day,
in him we trust.

3 We would be true to him
till earthly journeys end,
whose love no passing years can dim,
our changeless friend.

May we who bear his name
our faith and love renew,
to follow Christ our single aim,
and find him true.

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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. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, 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)*

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to his fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed his promise of his presence and of a new birth in the Spirit, who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, 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.**

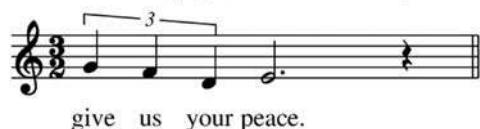
The Breaking of the Bread

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



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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.*

Communion Hymn

1 One is the body and one is the Head,
one is the Spirit by whom we are led;
one God and Father,
one faith and one call for all.

2 Christ who ascended to heaven above
is the same Jesus whose nature is love,
who once descended
to bring to this earth new birth.

3 Gifts have been given well-suited to each,
some to be prophets, to pastor or preach,
some, through the gospel,
to challenge, convert and teach.

4 Called to his service are women and men
so that his body might ever again
witness through worship,
through deed and through word
to Christ our Lord.

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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 Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.

2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

3 Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Charles Wesley

The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude

NEXT WEEK

Monday 22nd May

10 – 11.30 a.m. HT Tots Café

Tuesday 23rd May

7.30 - 9.30 p.m. **Young Adults Group** at St Saviour's, Bridge of Allan

(More information: youngadultsgroup021@gmail.com & flyer displayed in church)

Wednesday 24th May

7.30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Thursday 25th May

11 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 28th May

PENTECOST

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Readings

Acts 2.1-21; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13;

John 20.19-23