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Sunday 18th August 2024 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

PENTECOST 13

Celebrant: Revd Val Nellist

Readings: Jane Morris

Sidespeople: Jane and Nick Morris

OFFERINGS AT HOLY TRINITY

***No Collection** is taken **during Services** - **Offerings are welcome** before or after the service - Cash in baskets at the back of the Church, with Gift Aid donation envelopes and a debit and credit Card Reader both available too. Contributions support Holy Trinity's Ministry and Running Costs or any Special Collections announced.*

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Gerre Hancock: *Improvisation on Ar hyd y nos*

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2 Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads up where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
based on the German of Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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, you make known your almighty power in your merciful compassion: increase your mercy towards us; that we, being eager for your promises, may inherit the treasures of heaven; 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: Proverbs 9.1-6 (*please sit*)

[1]Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. [2] She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. [3] She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, [4] 'You that are simple, turn in here!' To those without sense she says, [5] 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. [6] Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.'

Gradual Hymn

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me save that
thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and
the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence
my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my
true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for
the fight.
be thou my whole armour, be thou my
true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my
strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power
of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's
empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure
thou art.

5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's
bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, 8th century Tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)
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Second Reading: Ephesians 5.15-20

Brothers and sisters, [15]be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, [16]making the most of the time, because the days are evil. [17]So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. [18]Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, [19]as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, [20]giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

Celtic Alleluia
Fintan O'Carroll
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Gospel: John 6.51-58 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said to the crowd: [51]I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will
live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' [52]The Jews then disputed among
themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' [53]So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. [54]Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; [55]for my flesh is true food
and my blood is true drink. [56]Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. [57]Just as
the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. [58]This
is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one
who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

Sermon: Revd Ian Boa

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 Andrew Pont (*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 When, in our music, God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

2 How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

3 So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!

4 And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the Light?
Then let is sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!

5 Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)
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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. (see separate music sheet)
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.*

Communion Hymn

1 Bread is blessed and broken,
wine is blessed and poured:
take this and remember
Christ the Lord.

2 Share the food of heaven
earth cannot afford.
Here is grace in essence -
Christ the Lord.

3 Know yourself forgiven,
find yourself restored,
meet a friend for ever -
Christ the Lord.

4 God has kept his promise
sealed by sign and word:
here, for those who want him -
Christ the Lord.

John L. Bell (b. 1949)
and Graham Maule (1958-2019)
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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 Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

3 Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each word of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
of thy pleasure all combine.

4 In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

5 Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude Percy Fletcher: *Prelude and Fugue on "Nun danket alle Gott"*

NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 21st August
11 a.m. **Church open for visitors until 3 pm.**

Thursday 22nd August
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Saturday 24th August
11 a.m. **Church open for visitors until 3 pm.**

Sunday 25th August
PENTECOST 14
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Readings
Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69

The Church will be open for visitors on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm until Saturday 21st September and on Sunday 22nd September from 2 pm to 5 pm. Please contact Jane Morris jane59morris@gmail.com if you can help in welcoming visitors.

Holy Trinity, Conservation Repair Work: Fund Raising and Grants are now sufficient for this essential work on the pointing and guttering to begin. Work will start in the second half of September until December. The main and vestry doors to the church will continue to be accessible, but vehicle circulation will be restricted. A Notice Board will provide detailed information about the work. Further contributions towards costs are welcome - please speak to Robert Nellist about helping with this.

Shredded Bark: The pile of bark at the east end must all go before the Repair Work starts. If you would like some, please bring a bag to fill and take away. Many thanks.