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Sunday 1st September 2024
PENTECOST 15

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

Celebrant: Revd Val Nellist

Readings: Bill Wheeler

Sidespeople: Cate Watson and Libby Coats

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*
- *a debit/credit card reader is also available.*

Contributions support Holy Trinity's Ministry and Running Costs or any Special Collections announced.

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Louis Vierne: Arabesque (24 Pièces en Style Libre) op.31

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Lord of all your love's creation,
present in each time and place,
may this earthly house of worship
be a source of heavenly grace.
Spirit, who at Christ's baptizing
came upon him as a dove,
come, renew for us that symbol,
seal us in God's faith and love.

2 Word of God, made flesh in Jesus,
help us read, mark, learn and feed
on your written word of power,
reaching to our every need.
For the preaching of the gospel,
making known your word to all,
Lord we pray, and for the preachers
humbly answering your call.

3 When we meet around your table,
Lord, be here in bread and wine,
read to us who find your presence
in the world as in this sign.
Christ, whose cross is foolish wisdom,
teach us sacrificial ways
to reveal your truth to strangers,
welcome them in pilgrims' praise.

4 Praise to God whose power within us
helps us more than we can say,
in the church, and in Christ Jesus,
in each age, and day by day.
So we join in common worship,
sharing in this house of prayer;
come, Lord God, among your people:
may all say that 'God is there!'

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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

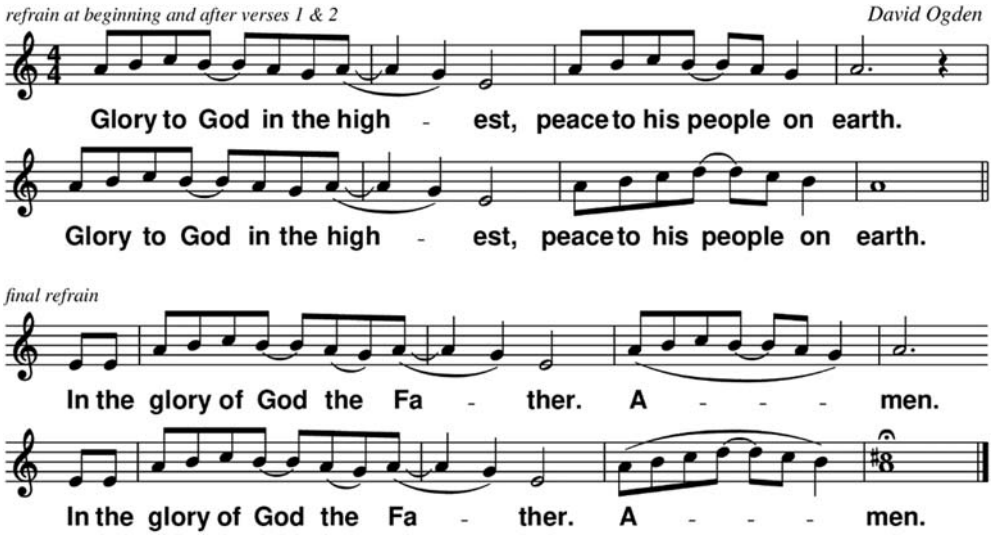
Loving God, you are the source of all that is, creating and sustaining every living thing. Called to be good stewards of your creation, we acknowledge the ways in which we have marred your image within us, as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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 Mass of New Wine (*please stand*)



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Collect

Almighty and merciful God, by whose grace alone your faithful people offer you service and praise: grant that we may hasten without stumbling towards the things that you promise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9 (*please sit*)

Moses spoke to the people; he said: [1]So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am
teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your
ancestors, is giving you. [2]You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from
it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. [6]You must observe them
diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these
statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' [7]For what other great nation has a
god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? [8]And what other great nation has statutes
and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? [9]But take care and watch
yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your
mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Gradual Hymn

1 Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord's is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;

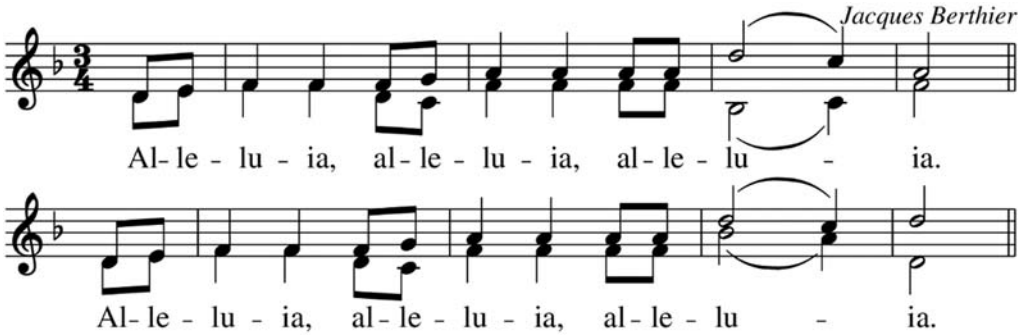
3 Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

John Keble (1792-1866) and others

Second Reading: James 1.17-27

[17]Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights,
with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. [18]In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth
by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. [19]You must understand
this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; [20]for your anger does not
produce God's righteousness. [21]Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and
welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. [22]But be doers of the
word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. [23]For if any are hearers of the word and not doers,
they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; [24]for they look at themselves and, on going away,
immediately forget what they were like. [25]But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and
persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. [26]If any think
they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is
worthless. [27]Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows
in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

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Gospel: Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23 (*please stand*)

When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

[1]When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, [2]they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. [3](For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; [4]and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) [5]So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' [6]Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;[7] in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." [8]You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' [14]Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: [15]there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' [21]For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, [22]adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. [23]All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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 Robert Piper

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 For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of his Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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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, O God, Creator of all things visible and invisible, Source of life and immortality, Whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars, the earth, the sea and all that is

in them, in every place and at all times. By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos. You divided light from darkness, created the heavens and established the earth; you divided the sea from the dry land, and caused all life to come into being. When you had made the plants and the animals, you formed humanity in your own image, and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation. In Christ your holy Word became flesh, took our human form, lived among us, and, through dying on the cross, overcame sin and death, that your creation might be restored in him. Through your life-giving Holy Spirit Who first moved over the waters, you renew your creation, call us to new birth, in a world restored by love. As children of your redeeming purpose, with all your creatures throughout space and time we offer you our praise, together 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. (James Macmillan: Mass of St Anne)
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, O 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.**

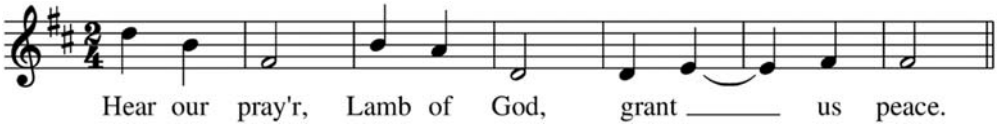
The Breaking of the Bread

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)

Refrain after each verse sung by the cantor:

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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 Come my way, my truth, my life:
such a way, as gives us breath;
such a truth, as ends all strife;
such a life, as killeth death.

2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
such a light, as shows a feast;
such a feast, as mends in length;
such a strength, as makes his guest.

3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
such a joy, as none can move;
such a love, as none can part;
such a heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all that is, **with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy. 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.**

Organ Postlude Léon Boëllmann: Sortie op.30,1

NEXT WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 4th September
11 a.m. **Church open for visitors until 3 pm.**

Thursday 5th September
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Saturday 7th September
11 a.m. **Church open for visitors until 3 pm.**

Sunday 8th September
PENTECOST 16
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Readings
Isaiah 35.4-7a; James 2.1-10,(11-13),14-17; Mark 7.24-37

Wednesday 18th September
7 p.m. Licensing of Camayo Hyde as Lay Reader at Christ Church, Falkirk

Sunday 22nd September
2.30 – 5p.m. Diocesan Gathering in the Cathedral

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