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Sunday 15th September 2024 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Festival of Dedication

Celebrant: The Revd Ian Boa

Readings: Nikki Jorgensen

Sidespeople: Ann Lees and Helen Kemp

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 Herbert Howells: Tranquillo, ma con moto (No.1 of Six Short Pieces)

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray;
and the fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

5 Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run. Amen.

Latin, before 9th century
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

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

1 Glory in the highest to the God of heaven;
Peace to all your people through the earth be given.
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Singing Alleluia to our heavenly king.

2 Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son;
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone.
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

3 Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

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Collect

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: grant that all who seek you in this place may find you; and being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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: Genesis 28: 11-18 (*please sit*)

[11]Jacob came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. [12]And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. [13]And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; [14]and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. [15]Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' [16]Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' [17]And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' [18]So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

Gradual Hymn

1 What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?
How shall my soul, by grace restored,
give worthy thanks, O Lord, to thee?

2 Salvation's cup of blessing now
I take, and call upon God's name;
before his saints I pay my vow
and here my gratitude proclaim.

3 His saints the Lord delights to save,
their death is precious in his sight;
he has redeemed me from the grave,
and in his service I delight.

4 With thankful heart I offer now
my gift, and call upon God's name;
before his saints I pay my vow
and here my gratitude proclaim.

5 Within his house, the house of prayer,
I dedicate myself to God;
let all his saints his grace declare
and join to sound his praise abroad.

Traditional, based on Psalm 116

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 1-10

[1]Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. [2]Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— [3]if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. [4]Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and [5]like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. [6]For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' [7]To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', [8]and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. [9]But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. [10] Once you were

not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel Acclamation
(*please stand*)

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Gospel: John 10: 22-29 (*please stand*)

When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

22At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23and Jesus was walking in
the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will
you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' 25Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you
do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26but you do not believe, because you
do not belong to my sheep. 27My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28I give them
eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29What my Father has given
me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

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

Sermon: The Revd 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 David Brown

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 Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day or night;
thousand 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 are near us,
and wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

3 Yea, we know that thou rejoices
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for 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,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

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.
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, hosanna in the highest.

James Macmillan:
Mass of St Anne

(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

We sing the refrain after each verse:

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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 Song

1 How lovely is that dwelling-place
wherein I long to stand;
my heart and soul are yearning, Lord,
to live in that bright land;
the blessèd ones who live there, Lord,
eternally sing praise,
they worship at your altar
and shall through all their days.

2 Yet blessèd, too, are mortals
who find their strength in you.
Who set their hearts on pilgrimage,
in trials remaining true;
upon the road they travel, Lord,
God's goodness they bestow,
on dry and desert places
your showers of blessing flow.

3 One day within your courts, Lord,
as keeper of your gate
would better than a thousand be
in princely high estate;
O Lord, you are my sun and shield
to whom all praise is due;
how blessèd is the one, Lord,
who trusts alone in you.

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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 Creating God, we bring our song of praise,
for life and work that celebrate your ways:
the skill of hands, our living with the earth,
the joy that comes from knowing our own worth.

2 Forgiving God, we bring our cries of pain
for all that shames us in our search for gain:
the hidden wounds, the angry scars of strife,
the emptiness that saps and weakens life.

3 Redeeming God, we bring our trust in you,
our fragile hope that all may be made new:
our dreams of truth, of wealth that all may share,
of work and service rooted deep in prayer.

4 Renewing God, we offer what shall be
a world that lives and works in harmony:
when peace and justice, once so long denied,
restore to all their dignity and pride.

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude Jean Langlais: Acclamations (Suite Médiévale)

NEXT WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 16th September
10 – 11.30 a.m. HT Tots Café

Wednesday 18th September
11 a.m. Church open for visitors until 3 p.m.
7 p.m. Licensing of Camayo Hyde as Lay Reader at Christ Church, Falkirk

Thursday 19th September
No Holy Communion service today

Saturday 21st September
11 a.m. Church open for visitors until 5 p.m. (Stirling Doors Open Days)

Sunday 22nd September
PENTECOST 18 — Readings
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist — Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3.13-4.3,7-8a; Mark 9.30-37
2 p.m. Church open for visitors until 5 p.m. (Stirling Doors Open Days)
2.30 – 5 p.m. Diocesan Gathering in St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth

Monday 23rd September
7 – 9 p.m. Young Adults Group at St Saviour's church hall, Bridge of Allan

Sunday 29th September
The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the hall after the 10.30am Eucharist