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Sunday 6th October 2024 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

PENTECOST 20

Celebrant: The Revd Val Nellist

Readings: Andrew Pont

Sidespeople: Sandy Goss and Carol Kendall

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 Charles Villiers Stanford: Prelude in F op.101, 1

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
part of the body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
one with each other, Jesus is here.

John Daniels (b. 1951)
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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

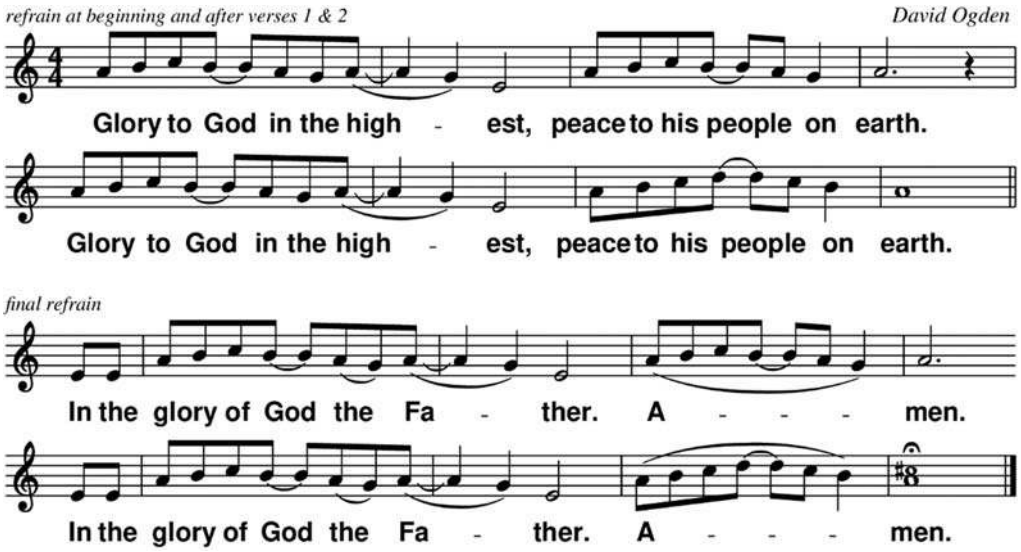
God is love and we are God's children, there is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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



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Collect

O Lord, we beseech you: give your people grace to turn away from evil; and to follow you, the only God, in pureness of heart and mind; 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 2.18-24 (*please sit*)

18 The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as
his partner.' 19 So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every
bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever
the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all cattle,
and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not
found a helper as his partner. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man,

and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. [22]And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. [23]Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' [24]Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Gradual Hymn

1 O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth
How glorious is your name,
And glorious too where unseen heavens
Your majesty proclaim.
On infant lips, in children's song
a strong defence you raise
to counter enemy and threat,
and foil the rebel's ways.

2 When I look up and see the stars
which your own fingers made,
and wonder at the moon and stars,
each perfectly displayed;
then I must ask, 'Why do you care?
Why love humanity?
And why keep every mortal name
fixed in your memory?'

3 Yet such as us you made and meant
just less than gods to be;
with honour and with glory, Lord,
you crowned humanity.
And then dominion you bestowed
for all made by your hand,
all sheep and cattle, birds and fish
that move through sea or land.

O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth
how glorious is your name!

Psalm 8, John L. Bell (b. 1949)
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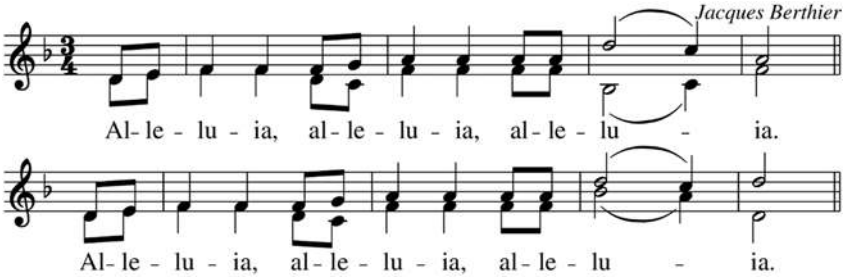
Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-4;2.5-12

[1]Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, [2]but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. [3]He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, [4]having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. [5]Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. [6]But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? [7]You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, [8]subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, [9]but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. [10]It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. [11]For the one

who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, [12]saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Gospel Acclamation

(*please stand*)

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Gospel: Mark 10.2-16 (*please stand*)

When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

[2]Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' [3]He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' [4]They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' [5]But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. [6]But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." [7]"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, [8]and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. [9]Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' [10]Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. [11]He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; [12]and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' [13]People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. [14]But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. [15]Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' [16]And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Sermon: The 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 Nick Morris

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 Lord Jusus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one of us,
Mary's son;
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

2 Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day,
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.

3 Lord Jusus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see,
you are Lord.

4 Lord Jusus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Patrick Appleford (1924-2018)
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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, 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 (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 7nstinct (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 Anthem John Barnard: Green was the earth

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 Praise for the depths of space,
its endless scope and scale:
in such a vast embrace
our words and numbers fail.
For what are we, that mortal mind
should seek and find infinity?

2 Praise for the rules that show
the patterning of time,
creation's ebb and flow
expressed in reason's rhyme.
Can these great laws contain our awe,
a formula for wonder's cause?

3 Praise for the complex codes
each spiral strand conveys,
as chemistry explodes
to life in myriad ways.
Can we compare what's ours alone
if we are known through all we share?

4 Praise for the drive to know;
from human nature springs
a need to learn and grow,
to understand all things.
Yet wisdom's prize is never won:
from all that's done new questions rise.

5 Praise to the One whose Word
breathed purpose into chance,
from whom all matter stirred
to join creation's dance.
For love made known in everything
in praise we sing to you alone.

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude Dietrich Buxtehude: Praeludium in D BuxWV139

NEXT WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 7th October
10 – 11.30 a.m. HT Tots Café

Thursday 10rd October
11 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 13th October
PENTECOST 21
HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Readings
Amos 5.6-7,10-15; Hebrews 4.12-16; Mark 10.17-31

Wednesday 16th October
7.30 p.m. Lectio Divina with Helen and Bob Piper

Saturday 26th October
10 a.m. Christian Aid Coffee Morning at St Ninians Old Parish Church

The Young Adult Group will meet as usual in October, 2nd & 4th Monday.