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Sunday 16th February 2025 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
EPIPHANY 6

Celebrant: The Rector
Readings: Bill Wheeler
Sidespeople: Sandy Goss and Robert Nellist

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Prelude on 'Franconia'

Opening Hymn

stand

1 Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord 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

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*) *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

Almighty God, grant that with our minds set always on your wisdom and love, we may pursue both in word and deed those things that are pleasing in your sight; 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: Jeremiah 17.5-10 *sit*

[5]Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. [6]They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. [7]Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. [8]They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. [9]The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? [10] I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Gradual Hymn *stand*

1 The one is blest who, fearing God,
walks not where sinners meet,
who does not stand with wicked ones,
and shuns the scorners' seat.

2 How blest the one who in God's law
finds goodness and delight,
and meditates upon that law
with gladness day and night.

3 That one is nourished like a tree
set by the river's side;
its leaf is green, its fruit is sure:
the works of such abide.

4 The wicked, like the driven chaff,
are swept from off the land;
they shall not gather with the just,
nor at the judgment stand.

5 The Lord will guard the righteous well,
their way to God is known;
the way of sinners, far from God,
shall surely be o'erthrown.

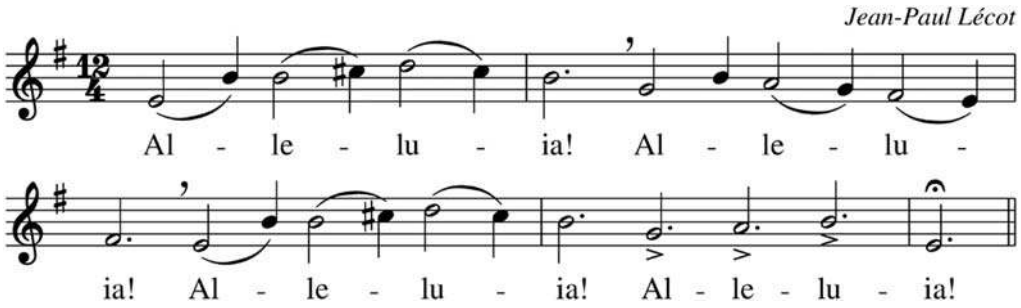
Based on Psalm 1
Psalter, 1912

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

sit

12If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the
dead? 13If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; 14and if Christ has not been
raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 15We are even found to be
misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true
that the dead are not raised. 16For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17If Christ has
not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18Then those also who have died in Christ
have perished. 19If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20But in
fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel Acclamation

stand

Gospel: Luke 6.17-26

When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

17He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great
multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18They had come to hear
him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19And
all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. 20Then he
looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
21'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will
laugh. 22'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on
account of the Son of Man. 23Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven;
for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 24'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received
your consolation. 25'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing
now, for you will mourn and weep. 26'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors
did to the false prophets.

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

Sermon: The Revd Val Nellist *sit*

Nicene Creed *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 Cathy Johnston *sit or kneel*

The Peace *stand*

We meet in Christ's name. **Let us share his peace.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my Lord's unchanging love!

2 Here I find my greatest treasure:
hither by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it from thy courts above!

Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

Offertory Prayer

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 who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. *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.*

Communion Anthem L.J. White 'A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

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

1 If Christ had not been raised from death
our faith would be in vain,
our preaching but a waste of breath,
our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is risen indeed;
he rules in earth and heaven:
his gospel meets a world of need -
in Christ we are forgiven.

2 If Christ still lay within the tomb
then death would be the end,
and we should face our final doom
with neither guide nor friend.
But now the Saviour is raised up,
so when a Christian dies
we mourn, yet look to God in hope -
in Christ the saints arise!

3 If Christ had not been truly raised
his Church would live a lie;
his name should nevermore be praised,
his words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
through him we are restored:
his word endures, his Church revives
in Christ our risen Lord.

Christopher Idle (*b.* 1938)
Based on 1 Corinthians 15.12-20
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The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude William Croft: Verse

NOTICES

Monday 17th February
10 – 11.30 a.m. HT Tots Café

Tuesday 18th February
11 a.m. Funeral of Lynne Melville

Thursday 20th February
11 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd February	Readings
EPIPHANY 7	Genesis 45.3-11,15; 1 Corinthians 15.35-38,42-50; Luke 6.27-38
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist	

Christmas Re-gifting Stall: The Christmas re-gifting box has been placed at the back of the Church. If you have any Christmas gifts that you would like to 're-gift', please bring them to church and place them in the Santa Box. We plan to run a Re-gifting Stall on Sunday, 2nd March 2025 (note change of date). Donations by cash or card will be gratefully received. All proceeds will support the work of the Gardening Group.

Conservation Repair Work: The work by Cornerstone Traditional Masonry Ltd on the east end of the Church will continue for a further one to two weeks. The scaffold will then be dismantled. Renewal of defective pointing, overhaul and painting of the guttering and downpipes will be carried out around the rest of the building during February and March. LOOK OUT for the high-level access platform and moveable scaffold tower being used next to the Church and Hall. PLEASE TAKE CARE entering or leaving the buildings. DO NOT ENTER AREAS MARKED WITH CONES OR BARRIERS. Parking will be limited and vehicle circulation may not be possible. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.