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Sunday 2nd March 2025 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Celebrant: The Rector
Readings: Andrew Pont
Sidespeople: Jan Foster and Sandy Goss

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Anonymous: Voluntary in G

Opening Hymn

stand

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

5 Into this world morning is breaking;
all of God's people, lift up your voice.
Cry out with joy, tell out the story;
All of the earth, rejoice!

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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, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross, that, in the world to come, we may see him as he is; through the same 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: Exodus 34.29-35 *sit*

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the
covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with
God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to
come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to
him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in
commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking
with them, he put a veil on his face; 34 but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he
would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been
commanded, 35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses
would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Gradual Hymn

stand

1 The Lord is king enthroned in might
on wings of cherubim;
he reigns in holiness and light,
bow down to worship him!
Beyond all majesty and praise
his holy name confess;
the king of everlasting days,
who rules in righteousness.

2 Of old to priests and prophets known
with trembling, fear and awe,
he gave his people, set in stone,
his statutes and his law.
By those who called upon his name
the voice of God was heard,
his presence shown in cloud and flame
when they obeyed his word.

3 O magnify the god of grace
who hears his people's cry,
and come with songs before his face,
exalt his name on high!
To see at last, by grace restored
from sin and all its stains,
the holy mountain of the Lord
where God in glory reigns.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)
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Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

sit

[12]Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, [13]not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. [14]But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. [15]Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; [16]but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. [17]Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. [18]And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. [1]Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. [2]We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Luke 9.28-36

When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

[28]Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. [29]And while he was
praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. [30]Suddenly they saw two
men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. [31]They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he
was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. [32]Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but
since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. [33]Just as they were
leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you,
one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. [34]While he was saying this, a cloud came and
overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. [35]Then from the cloud came a voice
that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' [36]When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.
And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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 Nick Morris *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 Jesus, on the mountain peak,
stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising:
Alleluia!

2 Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the Prophets and Law
shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia!

3 Swift the cloud of glory came,
God, proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as his Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:
Alleluia!

4 Jesus is the chosen One,
living hope of every nation;
hear and heed him, everyone;
sing, with earth and all creation,
Alleluia!

Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

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 Chant

Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres Señor!

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!

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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

1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3 Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude

NOTICES

Monday 3rd March
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

Wednesday 5th March — **Readings**
ASH WEDNESDAY — Isaiah 58.1-12; 2 Corinthians 5.20*b*-6.10
6.30 pm **Sung Eucharist and Rite of Ashing** — Matthew 6.1-6,16-21

Thursday 6th March
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Saturday 8th March
Diocesan Synod 9am – 2.30pm in St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth

Sunday 9th March — **Readings**
LENT 1 — Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Romans 10.8*b*-13
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist** — Luke 4.1-33

Conservation Repair Work: The work by Cornerstone Traditional Masonry Ltd on the east end of the Church will continue for a short period. 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 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.

Lent Groups 2025: Voice of the Living Light

This Lent, we will look at the work and legacy of the nun, visionary and theologian Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) by reflecting on her life and on excerpts of her writing- and by meditating on some of the images accompanying her visions and music she composed. Two groups will meet in parallel on Thursday mornings (after the 11am service) and in the evenings at 8 p.m. on 13th, 20th. 27th March and 3rd & 10th April.