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Sunday 1st June 2025
EASTER 7

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

Celebrant:
Readings: Andrew Pont
Sidespeople: Libby Coats and Carol Kendall

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Clive Sellar Lang: Prelude on St Magnus

Opening Hymn

stand

1 Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.

2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

3 Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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

O God, the King of Glory, hear our prayer: that as we believe your Son Jesus Christ to be exalted with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven; so also we may know his presence with us now, and to the end of time; 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: Acts 16.16-34 *sit*

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and
brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry
out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' 18 She kept doing
this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of
Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. 19 But when her owners saw that their hope
of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the
authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our
city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or
observe.' 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and
ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into
prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the
innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing

hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. [26]Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. [27]When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. [28]But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' [29]The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. [30]Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' [31]They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' [32]They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. [33]At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. [34]He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Gradual Hymn

1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigour of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

3 With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
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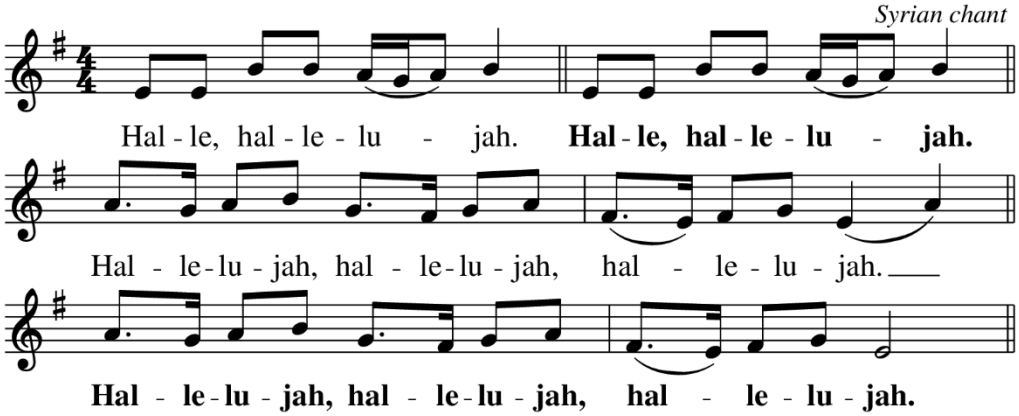
Second Reading: Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: [12]'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. [13]I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' [14]Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. [16]'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' [17]The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. [20]The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! [21]The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

stand



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Gospel: John 17.20-26

When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, [20]'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, [21]that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. [22]The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, [23]I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. [24]Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. [25]'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. [26]I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

Sermon The Revd Ian Boa *sit*

Reflection Christ has no body now but yours *Words: St Teresa of Avila*
Music: David Ogden

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 Robert Nellist *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 is Lord!
Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower
was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:
Jesus is Lord!
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
praise him with Halleluias for Jesus is Lord!

2 Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain
on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
yet gave his life a ransom,
thus setting us free:
Jesus is Lord! …

3 Jesus is Lord!
O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose; and all his foes
shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that
Jesus is Lord:
Jesus is Lord! …

David Mansell (b. 1936)
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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, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, 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

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to his fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed his promise of his presence and of a new birth in the Spirit, who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, 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 his 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

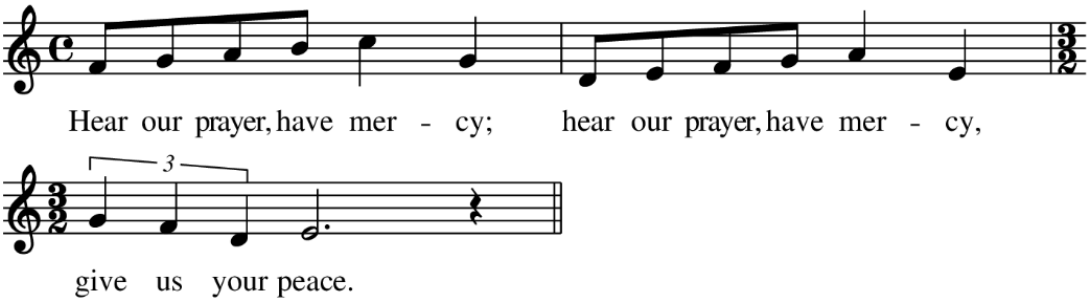
The living bread is broken for the life of the world. Lord, unite us in this sign.

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 following 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 Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

2 Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

3 Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

4 Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the Church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast of saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and
Graham Maule (1958-2019)
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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

stand

1 Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O death no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthral us.
Alleluia.

2 Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.

3 Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia.

4 Jesus lives! our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.

5 Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.

C. F Gellert (1715-1769)
tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897)

The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude William Walton: Scherzetto (from 'Richard III')

NOTICES

Monday 2rd June
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**
1.30 – 3 p.m. **Garden Group**

Thursday 5th June
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**
11.30 a.m. **Fellowship Group (morning session)**
8 p.m. **Fellowship Group (evening session)**

Saturday 7th June
8 p.m. **Pentecost Vigil**

Sunday 8th June
PENTECOST
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist** **Readings**
Genesis 11.1-9; Acts 2.1-21; John 14.8-27

Christian Aid E-envelope: Thank you for supporting our Christian Aid E-envelope appeal. This year, we achieved the magnificent sum of £1,830 rising to £2,000 with Gift Aid added. This well exceeds last year's figure of £1,397.50 including Gift Aid and comes at a time when Christian Aid is working in very difficult times for disadvantaged people across the world.

Conservation Repair Work: The work by Cornerstone Traditional Masonry Ltd is nearly finished, with some pointing to be done on the south and west walls (it has been too sunny for this recently), a few slates to be replaced, and some painting, including the front door. Some days Cornerstone will need to use the access platform from close to the main door so it will not be possible to park in that area whilst that is going on. If you see the platform parked there in the evening, they will be working from there the following morning. **Please don't hinder the work by parking nearby in the grounds at those times** and **the vehicle access round the rear of the Church may also continue to be closed off whilst work is taking place**.. Once these are complete there will be tidying up, including removing all the rubbish and installing the new cover for the manhole around the back of the church at the corner of the hall. (It has a yellow temporary cover with limited load bearing capacity, sufficient for a car, but care should be taken if driving around there.)