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Sunday 8th June 2025 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

PENTECOST

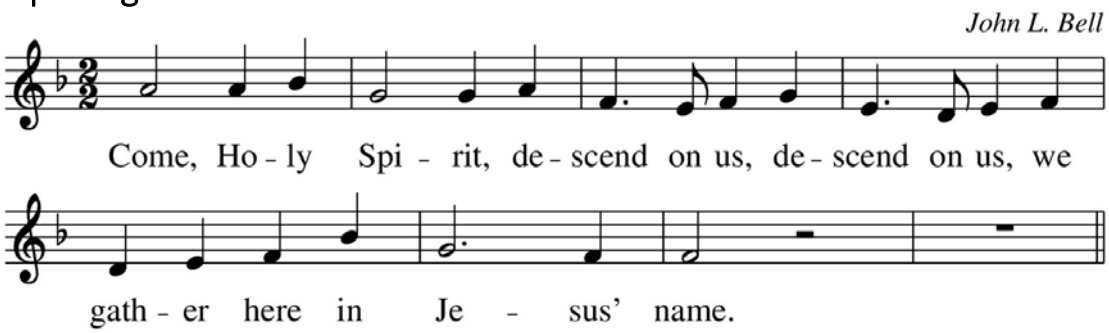
Celebrant:

Readings: Andrew Tyler

Sidespeople: Sandy Goss and Robert Nellist

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Flor Peeters: Veni, Creator Spiritus op.75,6 (opening sections)

Opening Chant

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Cantor:

1 Come, Holy Spirit.
2 Come, Breath of Heaven.
3 Come, Word of Mercy.
4 Come, Fire of Judgement.
5 Come, Great Creator.
6 Come to unite us.
7 Come to disturb us.
8 Come to inspire us.

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.

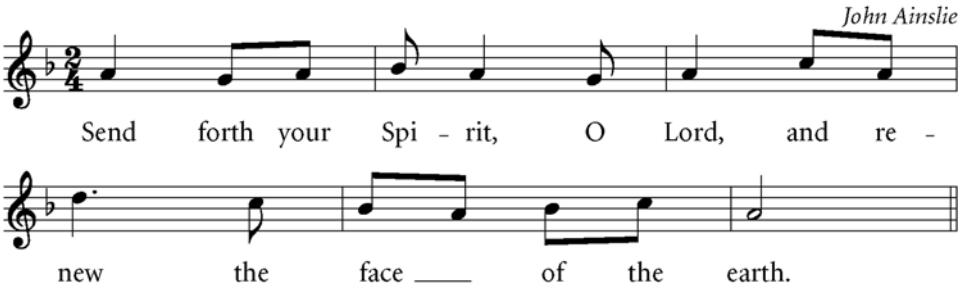
Collect

O God, who on the day of Pentecost enlightened the hearts of your people by the fire of the Holy Spirit: give us wisdom and understanding, and lead us into all truth, that your Church may be kept in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 11.1-9 *sit*

[1]Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. [2]And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. [3]And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. [4]Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' [5]The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. [6]And the Lord said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. [7]Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' [8]So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. [9]Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Gradual Psalm Psalm 104

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Second Reading: Acts 2.1-21

[1]When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. [2]And suddenly from heaven there
came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. [3]Divided
tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. [4]All of them were filled with
the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. [5]Now there were devout
Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. [6]And at this sound the crowd gathered and was
bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. [7]Amazed and astonished,
they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? [8]And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own
native language? [9]Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus
and Asia, [10]Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,
both Jews and proselytes, [11]Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's
deeds of power.' [12]All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' [13]But
others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' [14]But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice
and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what
I say. [15]Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. [16]No, this is what
was spoken through the prophet Joel: [17]"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit
upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and
your old men shall dream dreams. [18]Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out
my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. [19]And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth
below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. [20]The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before
the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. [21]Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved."

Gospel Acclamation

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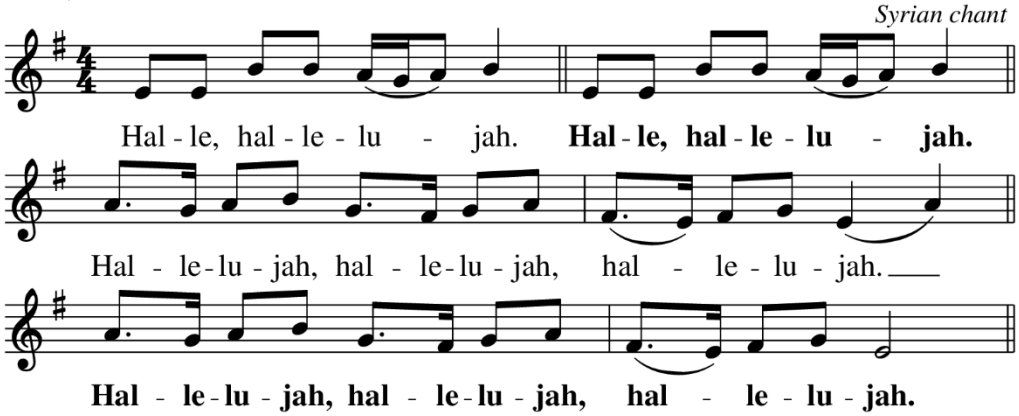

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Gospel: John 14.8-17 *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

[8]Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' [9]Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with
you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can
you say, "Show us the Father"? [10]Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words
that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. [11]Believe me that

I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. [12]Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. [13]I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14]If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. [15]'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. [16]And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. [17]This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

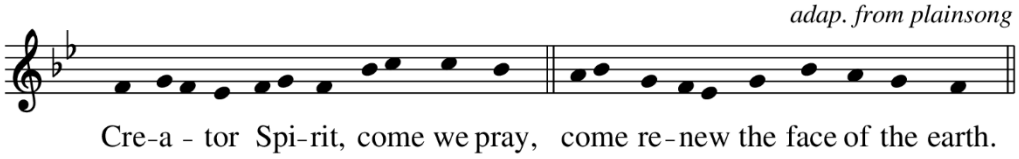
Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sermon: *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 Mary Kenyon *sit*



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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.

1 You spoke to us long, long, ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.

2 Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day.

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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, 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 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.

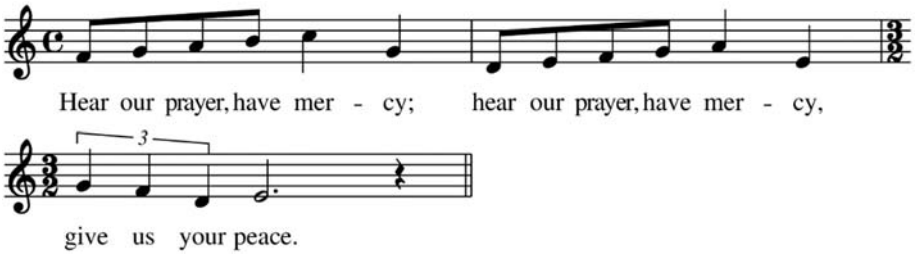
The Breaking of the Bread

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



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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 She sits like a bird,
brooding on the waters,
hovering on the chaos
of the world's first day;
she sighs and she sings,
mothering creation,
waiting to give birth
to all the Word will say.

2 She wings over earth,
resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
she nests in the womb,
welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

3 She dances in fire,
startling her spectators,
walking tongues of ecstasy
where dumbness reigned;
she weans and inspires
all whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured,
silenced, or restrained.

4 For she is the Spirit,
one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
and she is the key
opening the Scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

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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 Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.

2 Jesus Christ, the Man for others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love - as sisters, brothers -
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there you love the world may see.

3 Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
never more to speak alone:
God, in us, abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

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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: Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott BuxWV 199

NEXT WEEK

Monday 9th June
10 a.m. **HT Tots Café**
1.30 p.m. **HT Garden Group**
7 p.m. **Young Adults Group** at St Saviour's Church Hall, Bridge of Allan
(More information: youngadultsgroup021@gmail.com)

Thursday 12th June
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Sunday 15th June
TRINITY SUNDAY
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Readings
Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15