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Sunday 22nd June 2025 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

PENTECOST 2

Celebrant:
Readings: Mary Kenyon
Sidespeople: Jan Foster and Carol Kendall

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Pierre Camonin: Prélude pour la fête de la Fête-Dieu

Opening Hymn

stand

1 Living God, your word has called us,
summoned us to live by grace,
make us one in hope and vision,
as we gather in this place.
Take our searching, take our praising,
take the silence of our prayer,
offered up in joyful worship,
springing from the love we share.

2 Living God, your love has called us
in the name of Christ your Son,
forming us to be his body,
by your Spirit making one.
Working, laughing, learning, growing,
old and young and black and white,
gifts and skills together sharing,
in your service all unite.

3 Living God, your hope has called us
to the world that you have made,
teaching us to live for others,
humble, joyful, unafraid.
Give us eyes to see your presence,
joy in laughter, hope in pain.
In our loving, in our living,
give us strength that Christ may reign.

Jan Berry (b. 1953)

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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

stand

1 Glory in the highest to the God of heaven;
Peace to all your people through the earth be given.
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Singing Alleluia to our heavenly king.

2 Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son;
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone.
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

3 Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

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Collect

O Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers: and as you give us the desire to pray, grant us your help and protection; 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: Isaiah 65.1-9

sit

[1]I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. [2]I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; [3]a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; [4]who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; [5]who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. [6]See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps [7]their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. [8]Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. [9]I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Gradual Hymn

1 As pants the hart for cooling streams,
when heated in the chase,
so longs my soul, O God, for thee,
and thy refreshing grace.

2 For thee, my God, the living God,
my thirsty soul doth pine!
O when shall I behold thy face?
thou majesty divine!

3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
the praise of him who is thy God,
thy health's eternal spring.

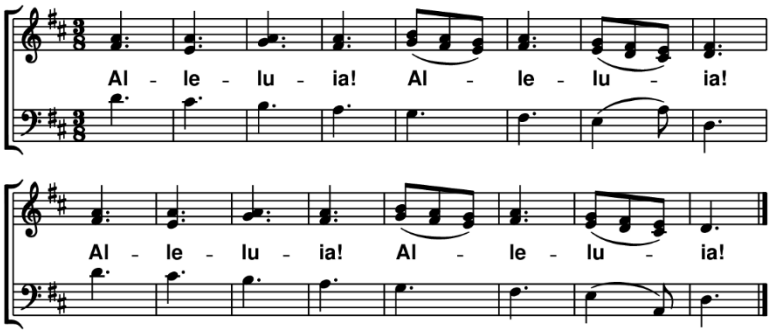
Nahum Tate, based on Psalm 42
New Version of the Psalms, 1696

Second Reading: Galatians 3.23-29

[23]Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. [24]Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. [25]But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, [26]for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. [27]As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. [28]There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. [29]And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel Acclamation

stand

We repeat after the cantor:

Gospel: Luke 8.26-39 *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

[26]Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. [27]As he stepped
out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did
not live in a house but in the tombs. [28]When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of
his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment
me'— [29]for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized
him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be
driven by the demon into the wilds.) [30]Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many
demons had entered him. [31]They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. [32]Now there on the
hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave
them permission. [33]Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down
the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. [34]When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off
and told it in the city and in the country. [35]Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they
came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and
in his right mind. And they were afraid. [36]Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been
possessed by demons had been healed. [37]Then all the people of the surrounding country of the
Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and
returned. [38]The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him
away, saying, [39]'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away,
proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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 David Brown *sit or kneel*

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?

2 From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamour to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

4 In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

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.

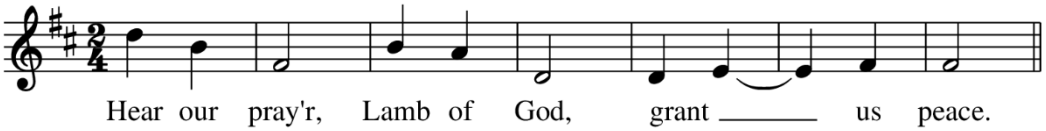
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

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

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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 Anthem Edward Elgar: Ave verum corpus

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 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4 But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

5 There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

6 There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

7 If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

F. W. Faber (1814-1863)

The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude

NEXT WEEK

Monday 23rd June
10 a.m. HT Tots Café

Thursday 26th June
11 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 29th June
PENTECOST 3 MUSIC SUNDAY
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Readings
1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21; Galatians 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-62