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Sunday 6th July 2025
PENTECOST 4

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

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Val Nellist
Readings: Robert Piper
Sidespeople: Sandy Goss and Robert Nellist

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Johann Sebastian Bach: Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan BWV 1116
What God ordains is always good – celebrating the grace of God without interruption or any hint of reserve

Opening Hymn

stand

1 Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away:
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame:
call to us now and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong:
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth:
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you:
nourish us well and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light-years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own,
gather us in, all peoples together -
fire of your love in our flesh and our bone.

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)
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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, let the world be ordered in peace, according to your will: that your people may be free to worship you with joy; 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 66.10-14

sit

10 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her— 11 that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may
drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. 12 For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like
a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her
arm, and dandled on her knees. 13 As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted
in Jerusalem. 14 You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall
be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Gradual Hymn

1 Like a mighty river flowing,
like a flower in beauty growing,
far beyond all human knowing
is the perfect peace of God.

2 Like the hills serene and even,
like the coursing clouds of heaven,
like the heart that's been forgiven
is the perfect peace of God.

3 Like the summer breezes playing,
like the tall trees softly swaying,
like the lips of silent praying
is the perfect peace of God.

4 Like the morning sun ascended,
like the scents of evening blended,
like a friendship never ended
is the perfect peace of God.

5 Like the azure ocean swelling,
like the jewel all-excelling,
far beyond our human telling
is the perfect peace of God.

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Second Reading: Galatians 6.7-16

7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you
will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So
let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then,
whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of
faith. 11 See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a
good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted
for the cross of Christ. 13 Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be
circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 14 May I never boast of anything except the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision
nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! 16 As for those who will follow this rule—
peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Gospel Acclamation

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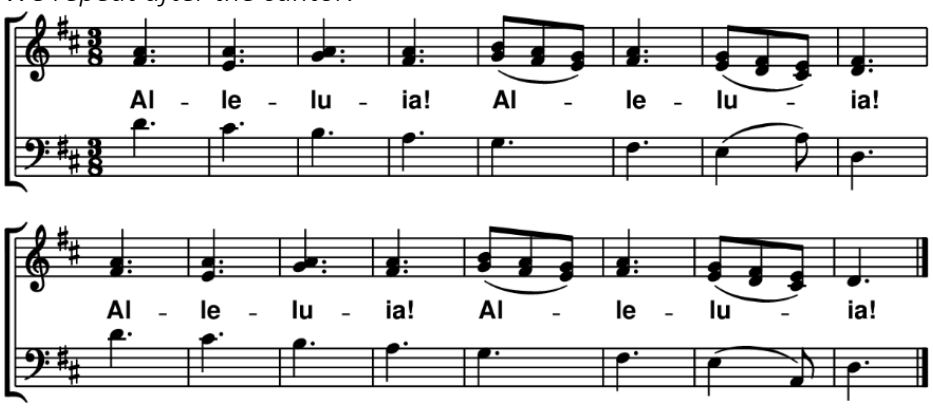
We repeat after the cantor:

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Gospel: Luke 10.1-11,16-20 When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

[1]The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where
he himself intended to go. [2]He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask
the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. [3]Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like
lambs into the midst of wolves. [4]Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. [5]Whatever
house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" [6]And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will
rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. [7]Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever
they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. [8]Whenever you
enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; [9]cure the sick who are there, and say to
them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." [10]But whenever you enter a town and they do not
welcome you, go out into its streets and say, [11]"Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe
off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." [16]'Whoever listens to you listens
to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'[17]The
seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' [18]He said to them, 'I
watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. [19]See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes
and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. [20]Nevertheless, do not rejoice
at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

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

Sermon: The Revd Canon Val Nellist

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 Andrew Pont *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 Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly:
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

2 Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

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.

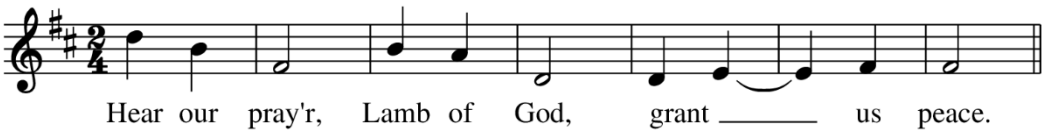
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

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 Hymn

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease;
enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

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Music: Margaret Rizza
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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 Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news
to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour,
Lord and King,
that all the world
his glorious praise may sing.

2 Go forth and tell!
God's love embraces all,
he will in grace,
respond to all who call:
how shall they call
if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

3 Go forth and tell!
The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts –
let no one be denied;
live out your life
as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers
for his sole glory use.

4 Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength
which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him,
Lord and King for evermore.

James E. Seddon (1915-1983)
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The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude Antony Baldwin: Variations on 'Kelvingrove'

Tea and Coffee

After the 10.30 a.m. service, all are welcome, especially visitors, for tea, coffee and biscuits in the hall, which is just behind our church building.

NEXT WEEK

Monday 7th July
1.30 pm **Gardening Group**

Wednesday 9th July
11 a.m. **Church open until 3 pm**

Thursday 10th July
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Saturday 12th July
11 a.m. **Church open until 3 pm**

Sunday 13th July
PENTECOST 5
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Readings
Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37

Church Open: Thanks to our team of volunteers, Holy Trinity is now open to visitors on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11am till 3pm through the summer. Please make this opportunity to visit the church known to anyone who may be interested.

Gardening Group now meets at 1.30 pm every Monday afternoon. We carry out tasks such as weeding, watering and generally tending our plants, as well as introducing new ones. 'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few' (Matthew 9.37). Please come and join us, even if only for a short time. If weather forecast is bad, please check beforehand with Joan Lyon on 07807 783168.

Conservation Repair Work: The work by Cornerstone Traditional Masonry Ltd is nearly finished. The mobile access platform is being used for work from the west access to reach the west gable and high roof level on the south side. Car parking on the way into the hall may be closed to make this possible. **Please don't hinder the work by parking nearby in the grounds at those times.** It may also not be possible to obtain vehicle access around the church at these times. The lower aisle level eaves will be accessed from a scaffold tower, sited on the grass and moved as necessary.

Painting of the main door has also been included with the works. 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.) Finally, the site cabin will be removed.