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Sunday 3rd August
PENTECOST 8

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

Celebrant:

Readings: Andrew Pont

Sidespeople: Robert Nellist and Jan Foster

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn

stand

1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance
he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2 Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
based on the German of Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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 God, whose providence orders all things in heaven and earth: keep from us everything harmful, and lead us to all that is good; 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: Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14,2.18-23

sit

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. 12 I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in
Jerusalem, 13 applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an
unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. 14 I saw all the deeds that are done
under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. 18 I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under
the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me 19 —and who knows whether they will be wise
or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is
vanity. 20 So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the
sun, 21 because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be
enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 What do mortals get from all
the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? 23 For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a
vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Gradual Hymn

1 Come, one and all, from near and far, to share the insights I have found:
a heart which has been taught by faith informs the wisdom I expound.

2 Some flaunt their gold, some trust its power— but what they cherish will decay;
and still the ransom for a soul remains a price too great to pay.

3 Though wealth or learning may be ours, or fame that spreads throughout the land,
the shackles of mortality prevent so much that we have planned.

4 Beyond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a better destiny:
the Lord will lift us free from death to walk with him eternally.

5 Why crave renown or opulence? They fade, those things we now possess;
our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we honour and confess.

Martin Leckebusch (b. 1962), based on Psalm 49
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Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-11

1 If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand
of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your
life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with
him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire,
and greed (which is idolatry). 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are
disobedient. 7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8 But now you must
get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9 Do not lie
to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and have clothed yourselves
with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11 In that
renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free;
but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel Acclamation

stand

We repeat after the cantor:

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Gospel: Luke 12.13-21 *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

13 Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' 14 But
he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' 15 And he said to them, 'Take care!
Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of
possessions.' 16 Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought
to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" 18 Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull
down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my
soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 20 But God said to him,
"You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will
they be?" 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon: The Revd Ian Boa

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 Piper *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 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, 8th century, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)
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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 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

1 There in God's garden
stands the tree of wisdom
whose leaves hold forth
the healing of the nations:
tree of all knowledge,
tree of all compassion,
tree of all beauty.

2 Its name is Jesus,
name that says 'Our Saviour':
there on its branches
see the scars of suffering:
see where the tendrils
of our human selfhood
feed on its lifeblood.

3 Thorns not its own
are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it,
our despite has choked it;
yet, look, it lives!
Its grief has not destroyed it,
nor fire consumed it.

4 See how its branches
reach to us in welcome;
hear what the voice says,
'Come to me, ye weary:
give me your sickness,
give me all your sorrow:
I will give blessing'.

5 All heaven is singing,
'Thanks to Christ whose Passion
offers in mercy healing,
strength and pardon:
peoples and nations, take it,
take it freely'.
Amen, my Master.

Erik Routley 1917-1982
based on the Hungarian of Kiraly Imre Von Pecselyi c. 1590- c.1641
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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 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessèd peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude

Tea and coffee: *After the 10.30 a.m. service, all are welcome, especially visitors, for tea, coffee and biscuits in the church.*

NEXT WEEK

Monday 4th August
1.30 pm **Gardening Group**

Wednesday 6th August
11 a.m. **Church open until 3 pm**

Thursday 7th August
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Saturday 9th August
11 a.m. **Church open until 3 pm**

Sunday 10th August
PENTECOST 9
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Readings
Genesis 15.1-6; Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16; Luke 12.32-40

The work by Cornerstone Traditional Masonry Ltd is nearly finished.

Work on the hall floor has begun. The hall toilets continue to be available for use. There will be vehicles connected with the work parking by the hall entrance during working hours.