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# Holy Trinity Church

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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**EASTER 2**

**Celebrant:** The Revd Val Nellist

**Readings:** Andrew Tyler

**Sidespeople:** Robert Nellist & Libby Coats

**8.30 a.m. Holy Communion**

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

## PREPARATION

**Organ Prelude** Flor Peeters: Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters, let us sing

**Opening Hymn** (*please stand*)

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord with thee.

4 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth

**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*) (please 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

Almighty God: in your great goodness, grant that we, as pilgrims through the Easter mysteries, may hold them fast in our lives; 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: Acts 4.32-35 (*please sit*)

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### Gradual Psalm

*Stephen Dean, adap. AW*



Give thanks to the Lord for God is good, for God's love has no end.

### Second Reading: 1 John 1.1-2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup> we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that our<sup>[a]</sup> joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup> and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

*Bernadette Farrell*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Je - sus, ris - en Lord of life!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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### Gospel: John 20.19-31 (*please stand*)

*When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When

he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**Sermon:** The Revd Val Nellist

**Nicene Creed** (*please 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. (*please sit*)

**Intercessions** led by Mary Kenyon (*please sit or kneel*)

**The Peace** (*please stand*)

The risen Christ stood among his disciples and said: Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### Offertory Hymn (*please stand*)

1 If Christ had not been raised from death  
our faith would be in vain,  
our preaching but a waste of breath,  
our sin and guilt remain.

But now the Lord is risen indeed;  
he rules in earth and heaven:  
his gospel meets a world of need —  
in Christ we are forgiven.

2 If Christ still lay within the tomb  
then death would be the end,  
and we should face our final doom  
with neither guide nor friend.

But now the Saviour is raised up,  
so when a Christian dies  
we mourn, yet look to God in hope —  
in Christ the saints arise!

3 If Christ had not been truly raised  
his Church would live a lie;  
his name should nevermore be praised,  
his words deserve to die.

But now our great Redeemer lives;  
through him we are restored:  
his word endures, his Church revives  
in Christ, our risen Lord.

Christopher Idle  
(based on 1 Corinthians 15.12-20)  
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### Offertory Prayer (*please stand*)

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.**

*(please 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

Hear our pray'r, Lamb of God, grant \_\_\_\_\_ us peace.

### 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 Now is eternal life,  
if ris'n with Christ we stand,  
in him to life reborn,  
and held within his hand;  
no more we fear death's ancient dread,  
in Christ arisen from the dead.

2 Man long in bondage lay,  
brooding o'er life's brief span;  
was it, O God, for naught,  
for naught, thou madest man?  
Thou art our hope, our vital breath;  
shall hope undying end in death?

3 And God, the living God,  
stooped down to man's estate;  
by death destroying death,  
Christ opened wide life's gate.  
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;  
who lives in him shall never die.

4 Unfathomed love divine,  
reign thou within my heart;  
from thee nor depth nor height,  
nor life nor death can part;  
my life is hid in God with thee,  
now and through all eternity.

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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 (*please 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

### The Blessing & Dismissal

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

**Organ Postlude** Alexandre Guilmant: Paraphrase 'See the conquering hero comes'  
op.90

### NEXT WEEK

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

10 – 11.30 a.m. HT Tots Café

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

7.30 - 9.30 p.m. **Young Adults Group** at St Saviour's Church Hall, Bridge of Allan

More information: [youngadultsgroup021@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultsgroup021@gmail.com)

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

EASTER 3

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**

10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

#### Readings

Acts 3.12-19; 1 John 3.1-7;

Luke 24.36b-48

On **Sunday 21st April 3 p.m.** Bishop Ian will be at HT to ordain the Revd Ian Boa to the priesthood. All are welcome at this service and at an Afternoon Tea of scones and cakes after the service. Please let Helen Piper know if you can contribute any baking.