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Sunday 5th May 2024
EASTER 6

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

Celebrant: The Rector
Readings: Bob Piper
Sidespeople: Robert Nellist & Helen Kemp

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PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Johann Pachelbel: Alle Menschen müssen sterben

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.

2 How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains
the long-imprisoned dead.

3 Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

4 While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

5 All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

Alleluia! Amen.

St Fulbert of Chartres (d.1028)
tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

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

O God, from whom all good things arise: grant such grace to those who call on you, that, by your inspiration, we may ponder those things that are right, and, by your guidance, do them; 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 10.44-48 (*please sit*)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. [45] The circumcised believers
who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the
Gentiles, [46] for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, [47] 'Can anyone
withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' [48] So he
ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Gradual Hymn

1 A brighter dawn is breaking,
and earth with praise is waking;
for thou, O King most highest,
the power of death defiest;

2 And thou hast come victorious,
with risen body glorious,
who now for ever livest,
and life abundant givest.

3 O free the world from blindness,
and fill the world with kindness,
give sinners resurrection,
bring striving to perfection.

4 In sickness give us healing,
in doubt thy clear revealing,
that praise to thee be given
in earth as in thy heaven.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Second Reading: 1 John 5.1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves
the child. [2] By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his
commandments. [3] For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are
not burdensome, [4] for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the
world, our faith. [5] Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
[6] This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and
the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

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Gospel: John 15.9-17 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. [10] If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. [11] I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. [12] 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13] No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I command you. [15] I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. [16] You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. [17] I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

Sermon: The Revd Ian Boa

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.

Intercessions led by Andrew Pont (*please sit or kneel*)

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Bright you break the bars of darkness,
radiant rise, our day's new Dawn.
Sharp the shards that fall around you,
fragments of a world now gone.

2 At your feet, death's chains lie severed,
underfoot, sin's sceptre cleft;
all creation sovereign claims you,
evil of its power bereft.

3 Let your light fall full upon us
where we cower, cloaked in dread.
Coax the fearful from their hiding,
rouse the sleepers, wake the dead!

4 Make the earth ring with rejoicing;
see, the winter storms are past.
Cast our sorrow, banish mourning:
all things are made new to last!

5 Pierced, the rock pours forth fresh waters,
swift they flow through all the earth,
till dry desert blooms with fragrance,
till dead landscape comes to birth.

6 Green the garden springs around you,
Tree of Life now wreathed in leaf;
wheat fields promise gold of harvest:
glory radiant in the sheaf.

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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 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

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 This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

2 This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

3 Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

4 Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

5 Love one another – I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

verses 1 & 2 Jimmy Owens
verses 3-5 Damian Lundy
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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 Name of all majesty,
fathomless mystery,
King of the ages by angels adored;
power and authority,
splendour and dignity,
bow to his mastery,
Jesus is Lord!

2 Child of our destiny,
God from eternity,
love of the Father on sinners outpoured;
see now what God has done
sending his only Son,
Christ the belovèd One,
Jesus is Lord!

3 Saviour of Calvary,
costliest victory,
darkness defeated and Eden restored;
born as a man to die,
nailed to a cross on high,
cold in the grave to lie,
Jesus is Lord!

4 Source of all sovereignty,
light, immortality,
life everlasting and heaven assured;
so with the ransomed, we
praise him eternally,
Christ in his majesty,
Jesus is Lord!

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude William Walond: Diapason Movement (from a voluntary)

NOTICES

Monday 6th May
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

Tuesday 7th May
7.30 - 9.30 p.m. **Young Adults Group** at St Saviour's Church Hall, Bridge of Allan
More information: youngadultsgroup021@gmail.com

Wednesday 8th May
7.30 p.m. **Lectio Divina** (session 1 of 6) in the HT Choir Vestry led by Revd Joan Lyon.
Please see separate flyer for more information.

Thursday 9th May
ASCENSION DAY
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**
6.30 p.m. **Sung Eucharist** at St Mary's Dunblane

Sunday 12th May

EASTER 7	**Readings**
8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**	Acts 1.15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5.9-13;
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**	John 17.6-19

Christian Aid Week 2024: Please donate to the Holy Trinity e-envelope via Holy Trinity Stirling Christian Aid Envelope - Christian Aid Fundraise (or via the barcode provided). Please feel free to pass the information on to your family and friends or circulate it on social media. Last year, we raised £1.383.75 including Gift Aid. It would be good if we could at least equal that amount. Please make all donations to the e-envelope by Saturday 18 May 2024.

Lent Collection:
The share of donations in the hall during Lent for **Start Up** came to £212.24 including gift aid (which we will round up to £250). Food donations continue to be gratefully received. The contributions made through Holy Trinity to the Bishop's Lent Appeal for the **ASHAKIRAN – RAY OF HOPE** work to bring Lasting Change for women, young girls and children in Kolkata came to £250.