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Sunday 17th March 2024 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
LENT 5

Celebrant: The Rector
Readings: Nick Morris
Sidespeople: Ann Lees & Jan Foster

Offerings at Holy Trinity – No Collection is taken during services. If you wish to make an Offering, please use one of the baskets at the back of the Church before or after the service. Gift Aid donation envelopes and a Card Reader for debit or credit cards are also both available. Contributions go towards the Ministry and running costs or to any special collections announced. All are gratefully received. Registered Scottish Charity SC016471.

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude
Charles Villiers Stanford: Prelude VI 'Founded on an old Irish church melody' op.101

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)
1 From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord,
baptised in grace, in grace renewed,
by your most holy word.

2 Through fasting, prayer, and charity,
your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.

3 From desert to the mountaintop
in Christ our way we see,
so, tempered by temptation's might,
we might transfigured be.

4 For thirsting hearts let waters flow,
our fainting souls revive;
and at the well your waters give –
our everlasting life.

5 From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey still;
through cross and tomb to Easter joy,
in Spirit-fire fulfilled.

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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.

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:
"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and with all your strength."
The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself."
There is no other commandment greater than these.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie (*please stand*) – *see separate music sheet*

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Collect

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34 (*please sit*)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 51.1-13 (*please join in saying the text in **bold**, pausing shortly at the *asterisk*)

Refrain: A clean heart **create in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. *
And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.

Refrain: **A clean heart create in me, O God.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5.5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You
are my Son, today I have begotten you'; [6] as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according
to the order of Melchizedek.' [7] In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud
cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent
submission. [8] Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; [9] and having been made
perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, [10] having been designated by God a
high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*) – *see separate music sheet*

Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God, who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospel: John 12.20-33 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. [21] They came to Philip, who was
from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' [22] Philip went and told Andrew; then
Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. [23] Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be
glorified. [24] Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single
grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. [25] Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this
world will keep it for eternal life. [26] Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant
be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. [27] 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—
"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. [28] Father, glorify your
name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' [29] The crowd standing
there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' [30] Jesus answered, 'This
voice has come for your sake, not for mine. [31] Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world
will be driven out. [32] And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' [33] He said this
to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Sermon: The Rector

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 Robert Nellist (*please sit or kneel*)

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.

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 Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
and wonder at such mercy
that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
hold wounds which tell me 'Come.'
Beneath the cross of Jesus
my unworthy soul is won.

2 Beneath the cross of Jesus
his family is my own –
once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonour
the ones that you have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
see the children called by God.

3 Beneath the cross of Jesus –
The path before the crown –
We follow in his footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be his perfect Bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

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Offertory Prayer (*please stand*)

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made: it will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become the cup of our salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house. We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now 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)*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. 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 – *see separate music sheet*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us peace, 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.*

Choir - Samuel Sebastian Wesley: Lead me, Lord

Communion Hymn

1 Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

2 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

from St Patrick's Breastplate 5th -7th century Gaelic

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Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

4 And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

5 And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

6 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman

Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude

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NOTICES

Monday 18th March
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

Tuesday 19th March
7.30 – 9.30 p.m. **Young Adults Group**
(at St Saviour's Church Hall Bridge of Allan)

Wednesday 20th March
10.30 a.m. **Lent Group** (Session 5)

Thursday 21st March
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**
8 p.m. **Lent Group** (Session 5)

Sunday 24th March
PALM SUNDAY
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Readings
Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11;
Mark 14.1-15.47

For services during Holy Week, see separate flyer.

Lent Collection 2024: This year's Lent Collection will go towards the Bishop's Lent Appeal for Kolkata Cathedral's **ASHAKIRAN - RAY of HOPE Programme for women, young girls and children**. Special envelopes are provided should you want to make a contribution. As all year round, we continue to collect food items for **StartUp Stirling** and the 'Extra Cuppa' donations at social time after the services will go towards this local charity. Many thanks for your support!

HT Prayer Tree: The Prayer Tree situated at the back of church is an aid to prayer. Feel free to take a label and write your prayer/message on it and hang it on the tree. Please add the current date. The label will be removed one month after this date but if you would like to leave the label on the tree please just alter the date or write another label. See Libby Coats if you have any questions.

Easter flowers: There are baskets at the back of church for people to take and bring back decorated on Saturday 30th March at 10.30 a.m. Please speak to Karen Ellis if you have any questions.