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Sunday 15th October 2023
PENTECOST 20

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

Celebrant: The Rector
Readings: Liza Green
Sidespeople: Jane & Nick Morris

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PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Johann Sebastian Bach: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier BWV 731
Dearest Jesus, we are here to listen to you and your word
Direct our minds and desires to the delightful teaching of heaven:
so that from the earth our hearts may be completely drawn to you.

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

4 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!

Charles Wesley

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 Lord, since without you we cannot please you: let the work of your mercy in all things guide our hearts; 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

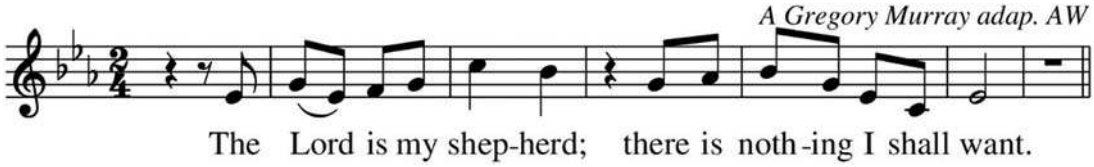
First Reading: Isaiah 25.1-9 (*please sit*)

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. 2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of

aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. [3] Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless
nations will fear you. [4] For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter
from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
[5] the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the
ruthless was stilled. [6] On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast
of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. [7] And he will
destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; [8] he
will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of
his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. [9] It will be said on that day, Lo, this is
our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us
be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Gradual Psalm (Psalm 23)

The verses are sung by a cantor. Please join in singing the refrain:



The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

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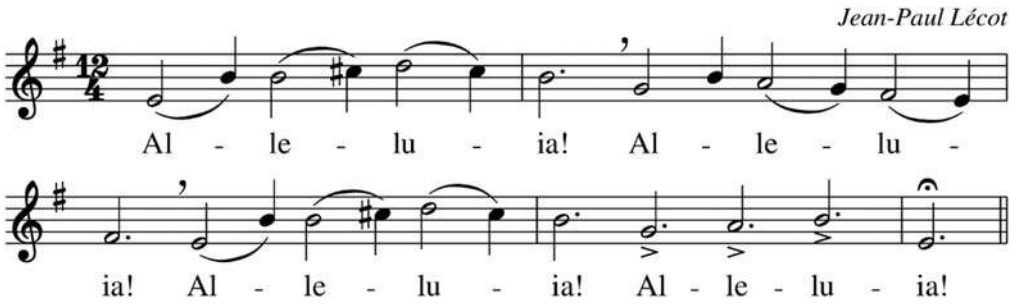
Second Reading: Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this
way, my beloved. [2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you
also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel,
together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. [4] Rejoice in the
Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not
worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be
made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus. [8] Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is
anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] Keep on doing the things that you have learned and
received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation
(*please stand*)

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Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14 (*please stand*)
When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who
gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3] He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding
banquet, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited:
Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready;
come to the wedding banquet." [5] But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his
business, [6] while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. [7] The king was enraged. He sent
his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8] Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is
ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find
to the wedding banquet." [10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both
good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. [11] 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he
noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12] and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in
here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. [13] Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him
hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth." [14] For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

Sermon: Camayo Hyde

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 Alistair Shaw (*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*)

(In the following song, the words "those who" are each sung to two notes.)

1 The love of God comes close
where stands an open door
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor:
the love of God is here to stay,
embracing thöse whö walk his way.

2 The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing loves of ease
to ease the lives forlorn:
the peace of God is here to stay,
embracing thöse whö walk his way.

3 The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears:
the joy of God is here to stay,
embracing thöse whö walk his way.

4 The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised or bent:
the grace of God is here to stay,
embracing thöse whö walk his way.

5 The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared, as when he came:
the Son of God is here to stay,
embracing thöse whö walk God's way.

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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, 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. (see separate music sheet)
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 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 (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: give us your 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 Like a mighty river flowing,
like a flower in beauty growing,
far beyond all beauty 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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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 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams

The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude Charles Villiers Stanford: Prelude in Eb "Founded on an old Irish church melody" (St Columba) op.101,6

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 17th October
7.30 – 9.30 p.m. **Young Adults Group** (at St Saviour's Bridge of Allan)

Wednesday 18th October
11 a.m. **Funeral David Goss**

Thursday 19th October
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Sunday 22nd October
PENTECOST 21
8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

Readings
Isaiah 45.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10;
Matthew 22.15-22