www.holytrinitystirling.org

# Holy Trinity Church

Albert Place, Stirling, FK8 2RG

Scottish Charity: SC016471

**Open**
**inclusive**
**inspiring**
**friendly**
**deep**

Rector: The Revd Canon Christoph Wutscher · Tel: 01786 359821 · rector@holytrinitystirling.org

## Sunday 29th October 2023
## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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

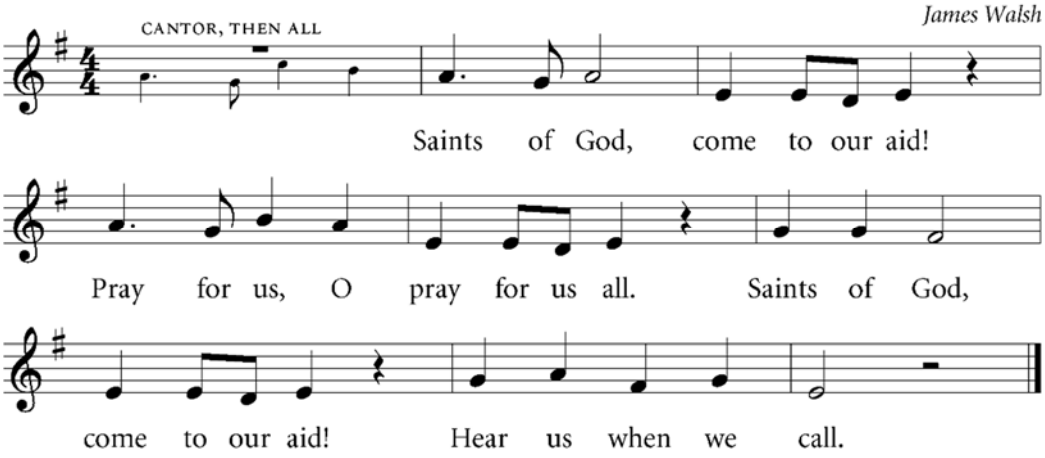
**Celebrant:** The Rector
**Readings:** Tony Mitchell
**Sidespeople:** Fiona Macleod & Helen Kemp

*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** Denis Bédard: Rêverie (Sept Offrandes)

**Procession & Opening Litany** (*please stand*)

*The names of saints and angels as depicted here at Holy Trinity are recited in procession as a reminder of the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Please join in singing the refrain:*

© James Walsh
OneLicense # A-632863

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, you have knit together your elect in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: grant that we may attain, with all your saints, the whole measure of the fullness of Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

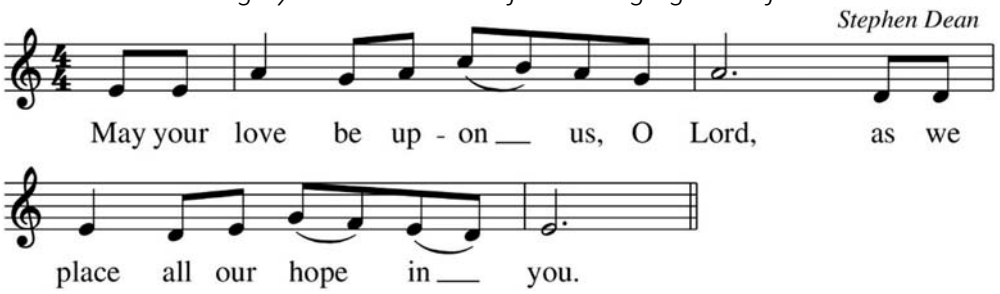
## First Reading: Revelation 7.9-17 (*please sit*)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. [10] They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' [11] And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, [12] singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' [13] Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' [14] I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15] For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. [16] They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; [17] for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their
shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their
eyes.'

## Gradual Psalm (Psalm 33)

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



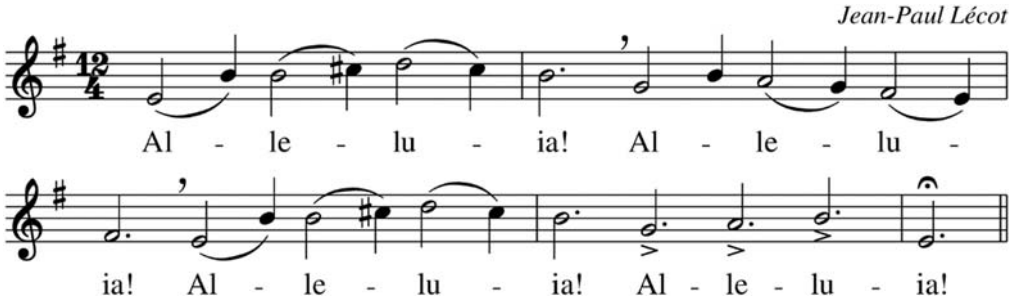

Words: The Grail (England)
Music: Stephen Dean
OneLicense # A-632863

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute play your songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works done in truth.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with love.

## Second Reading: 1 John 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The
reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what
we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for
we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## Gospel Acclamation
(*please stand*)

© Jean-Paul Lécot
OneLicense # A-632863

## Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] Then
he began to speak, and taught them, saying: [3] 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven. [4] 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. [5] 'Blessed are the meek, for they will
inherit the earth. [6] 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. [7] 'Blessed
are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. [8] 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. [9] 'Blessed
are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. [10] 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11] 'Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 Camayo Hyde (*please sit*)

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 For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluia.

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light.
Alleluia.

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia.

4 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia.

W. Walsham How

## 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 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 *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 The eternal gifts of Christ the king,
the apostles' glorious deeds we sing,
and all with hearts of gladness raise
our hymns of thankful love and praise.

2 Theirs is the steadfast faith of saints,
unconquered hope that never wanes,
and love of Christ that will not fail,
but over evil still prevails.

3 In them the Father's glory shone;
in them rejoices God the Son;
in them is done the Spirit's will;
and heaven with praise is ringing still.

4 Redeemer, hear us in your love,
and bring us with your saints above,
that we with them may find a place
within the kingdom of your grace.

from *Aeterna Christi munera*, St Ambrose (c.339-397) © 1995 Panel of Monastic Musicians

## 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*)

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
The depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
Some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
Our world is their parish, their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Fred Pratt Green
© Stainer & Bell Ltd
CCLI Licence # 237731

### The Blessing & Dismissal

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

**Organ Postlude** Théodore Dubois: Toccata (Douze pièces pour Orgue)

## NOTICES

**Monday 30th October**
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

**Tuesday 31st October**
7.30 – 9.30 p.m. **Young Adults Group** (at St Saviour's Bridge of Allan)

**Thursday 2nd November**
ALL SOULS
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**
7.30 p.m. **Sung Eucharist & Act of Remembrance**

| **Sunday 5th November** | **Readings** |
|---|---|
| PENTECOST 23 | Micah 3.5-12; 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; |
| 10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist** | Matthew 24.1-14 |