**East Neuk Episcopal Churches**

**28 July 2024— Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

11.30am St John’s led by Revd Elaine Ryder

Grace and peace to you from God our   
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Psalm 145. 10-19**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.  
**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,**  
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.  
**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.  
**The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**  
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.  
**The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**  
The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.  
**He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being,**  
**Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever. Amen.**

**Opening hymn**

Praise to the Lord,

the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him,

for he is thy health and salvation.

All ye who hear,

brothers and sisters draw near;

praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,

who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth

shieldeth thee gently from harm,

or when fainting sustaineth:

hast thou not seen

how thy heart's wishes have been

granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,

who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

surely his goodness and mercy

here daily attend thee:

ponder anew

what the Almighty can do,

who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!

O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath,

come now with praises before him.

Let the amen

sound from his people again,

gladly for aye we adore him.

*Joachim Neander*

**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.**

**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 you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria**  *(Sung)***Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia.** *(Taizé)*

**Collect of the day**

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Readings**

**2 Kings 4. 42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat.’ But his servant said, ‘How can I set this before a hundred people?’ So he repeated, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, “They shall eat and have some left.” ’ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

**Ephesians 3. 14-21**

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gradual hymn**

I am the bread of life.

You who come to me shall not hunger;

and who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me

unless the Father beckons.

*And I will raise you up,*

*and I will raise you up,*

*and I will raise you up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give

is my flesh for the life of the world,

and if you eat of this bread,

you shall live for ever,

you shall live for ever.

Unless you eat

of the flesh of the Son of Man,

and drink of his blood,

and drink of his blood,

you shall not have life within you.

I am the resurrection,

I am the life.

If you believe in me,

even though you die,

you shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, I believe

that you are the Christ,

the Son of God,

who has come

into the world.

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**Gospel**

*(The acclamation may be sung)*

**Alleluia**

*(When the reading is announced, we say)*  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

**John 6. 1-21**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’ Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

*(At the end)*  
Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Sermon**

**Nicene creed**

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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**

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

**Offertory hymn**

Let us break bread together

on our knees,

let us break bread together

on our knees.

When I fall on my knees

with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us share wine together

on our knees,

let us share wine together

on our knees.

When I fall on my knees

with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together

on our knees,

let us praise God together

on our knees.

When I fall on my knees

with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

*Unknown*

**Liturgy of the sacrament**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 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, Father, 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:

*(Sung)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth

are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, O blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
  
*(Please feel free to 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 living bread is broken

for the life of the world.  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:  
**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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away   
the sins of the world:   
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away   
the sins of the world:   
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away   
the sins of the world:   
grant us peace.**

**The communion**

## **Thanksgiving**

God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Give thanks to our gracious God,  
**whose mercy endures for ever.**

**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 blood 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.**

**Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep *your* hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among *you* and remain with *you* always. **Amen.**

**Closing hymn**  
Great is thy faithfulness,

O God my Father,

there is no shadow

of turning with thee;

thou changest not,

thy compassion, they fail not;

as thou hast been

thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning

new mercies I see;

all I have needed

thy hand hath provided,

great is thy faithfulness,

Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter,

and springtime and harvest,

sun, moon and stars

in their courses above,

join with all nature

in manifold witness

to thy great faithfulness,

mercy and love.

Pardon for sin

and a peace that endureth,

thine own dear presence

to cheer and to guide;

strength for today

and bright hope for tomorrow,

blessings all mine,

with ten thousand beside!

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

**Notices**

**Thursday 1 August** 7.00pm Installation of Revd David Gordon at St Michael’s Elie.

**Next Sunday** Services will be led by Revd David Gordon. Because of Pittenweem Arts Festival they will be at **9.45am** at St John’s and **11.30am** at St Michael’s.

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