**St Michael’s Episcopal Church**

**6 October 2024 — 20th Sunday after Pentecost: Harvest**

9.45am at St Michael’s led by Revd David Gordon

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

**Opening hymn**

Come, ye thankful people, come,

raise the song of harvest-home!

All is safely gathered in,

ere the winter storms begin;

God, our maker, doth provide

for our wants to be supplied;

come to God's own temple, come;

raise the song of harvest-home!

We ourselves are God's own field,

fruit unto his praise to yield;

wheat and tares together sown,

unto joy or sorrow grown;

first the blade and then the ear,

then the full corn shall appear:

grant, O harvest Lord, that we

wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,

and shall take his harvest home,

from his field shall purge away

all that doth offend, that day;

give his angels charge at last

in the fire the tares to cast,

but the fruitful ears to store

in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant, come,

raise the song of harvest-home;

all be safely gathered in,

free from sorrow, free from sin,

there for ever purified

in God's garner to abide:

come, ten thousand angels, come,

raise the glorious harvest-home!

*Henry Alford*

**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 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** **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect of the day**

**God, in whom all things are possible, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, so that none may hunger, none may thirst, and all may cherish the gifts of your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Readings**

**Genesis 2. 18-24**

The Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,
‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**Psalm 8**

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
**Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
**what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.
**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**
all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**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.**

**Hebrews 1. 1-4,2. 5-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.’ Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, ‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

**Gradual hymn**

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise

in hymns of adoration;

to thee bring sacrifice of praise

with shouts of exultation:

bright robes of gold the fields adorn,

the hills with joy are ringing,

the valleys stand so thick with corn

that even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day,

thy bounteous hand confessing,

before thee, thankfully we lay

the first-fruits of thy blessing:

by thee thy children’s souls are fed

with gifts of grace supernal;

thou who dost give us earthly bread,

give us the bread eternal.

We bear the burden of the day,

and often toil seems dreary;

but labour ends with sunset ray,

and rest comes for the weary:

may we, the angel-reaping o'er,

stand at the last accepted,

Christ's golden sheaves for evermore

to garners bright elected.

O blessèd is that land of God,

where saints abide for ever;

where golden fields spread far and broad,

where flows the crystal river:

the strains of all its holy throng

with ours today are blending;

thrice blessèd is that harvest-song

which never has an ending.

*William Chatterton Dix*

**Gospel**

*(The acclamation may be sung)*

**Alleluia**

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

**Mark 10. 2-16**

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*(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**

For the fruits of his creation,

thanks be to God;

for his gifts to every nation,

thanks be to God;

for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,

silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth's safekeeping,

thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,

God's will is done;

in the help we give our neighbour,

God's will is done;

in our world-wide task of caring

for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing,

God's will is done.

For the harvests of his Spirit,

thanks be to God;

for the good we all inherit,

thanks be to God;

for the wonders that astound us,

for the truths that still confound us,

most of all, that love has found us,

thanks be to God.

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**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, O God,

Creator of all things visible and invisible,

Source of life and immortality, Whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars, the earth, the sea and all that is in them, in every place and at all times.

By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos you divided light from darkness,

created the heavens and established the earth; you divided the sea from the dry land, and caused all life to come into being. When you had made the plants and the animals, you formed humanity in your own image, and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh, took our human form, lived among us, and, through dying on the cross, overcame sin and death, that your creation might be restored in him.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit Who first moved over the waters, you renew your creation, call us to new birth, in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, with all your creatures throughout space and time we offer you our praise, together 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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, God our creator, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. Christ is your holy Wisdom, existing beyond time, present at creation. Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world, and bring your saving work to its completion. 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, the source of all that is, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy. **Amen.**

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

**Holy and life-giving God, we have**

**broken the bread which is Christ’s body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all the world; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Blessing**

God give *you* grace to be faithful stewards of Creation, rejoicing that *you* are made in God’s image, and seeking justice for those who do not share in the earth’s bounty, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon *you*, and remain with *you* always. **Amen.**

**Closing hymn**
We plough the fields and scatter

the good seed on the land,

but it is fed and watered

by God's almighty hand:

he sends the snow in winter,

the warmth to swell the grain,

the breezes and the sunshine,

and soft, refreshing rain.

*AlI good gifts around us*

*are sent from heaven above;*

*then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,*

*for all his love.*

He only is the maker

of all things near and far;

he paints the wayside flower,

he lights the evening star;

he fills the earth with beauty,

by him the birds are fed;

much more to us, his children,

he gives our daily bread.

We thank thee then, O Father,

for all things bright and good:

the seed-time and the harvest,

our life, our health, our food.

Accept the gifts we offer

for all thy love imparts,

and, what thou most desirest,

our humble, thankful hearts.

*Matthias Claudius*

**Notices**

**Next Sunday** services will be led by Revd David Gordon

**16 October** 5.30pm prompt **Harvest of the sea supper** for both churches and Pittenweem Parish Church at the Dreel Halls, Anstruther

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

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**East Neuk Episcopal Churches**

**13 October 2024 — Pentecost 21**

9.45am at St Michael’s and 11.30am at St John’s led by Revd David Gordon

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

**Opening hymn**

New every morning is the love

our wakening and uprising prove;

through sleep and darkness safely brought,

restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,

hover around us while we pray;

new perils past, new sins forgiven,

new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind

be set to hallow all we find,

new treasures still, of countless price,

God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task,

will furnish all we need to ask,

room to deny ourselves, a road

to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love

fit us for perfect rest above;

and help us, this and every day,

to live more nearly as we pray.

*John Keble*

**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 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)*

*or*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect of the day**

**Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Readings**

**Amos 5.6-7,10-15**
Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**Psalm 90.12-17**

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

**Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
**Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.**Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.
**Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!**

**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.**

**Hebrews 4.12-16**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Gradual hymn**

O praise ye the Lord!

praise him in the height;

rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;

ye heavens, adore him,

by whom ye were made,

and worship before him,

in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!

praise him on the earth,

in tuneful accord, ye saints of new birth;

praise him who hath brought you

his grace from above,

praise him who hath taught you

to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!

all things that give sound;

each jubilant chord re-echo around;

loud organs his glory

forth tell in deep tone,

and, sweet harp, the story

of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!

thanksgiving and song

to him be outpoured all ages along:

for love in creation,

for heaven restored,

for grace of salvation,

O praise ye the Lord!

*Henry Williams Baker*

**Gospel**

*(The acclamation may be sung)*

**Alleluia**

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

**Mark 10.17-31**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.” ’ He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

*(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**

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,

first begotten from the dead,

thou alone, our strong defender,

liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Jesus, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,

here in loving reverence bow;

here for faith's discernment pray we,

lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluia, alleluia,

thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee

as of old in Bethlehem,

here as there thine angels hail thee,

Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia, alleluia,

we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished

once for all when thou wast slain,

in its fullness undiminished

shall for evermore remain.

Alleluia, alleluia,

cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,

stricken Rock with streaming side,

heaven and earth with loud hosanna

worship thee, the Lamb who died.

Alleluia, alleluia,

risen, ascended, glorified!

*George Hugh Bourne*

**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**

Faithful God, in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you. May we who have shared in holy things always bear witness to your covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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**
Take my life, and let it be

consecrated, Lord, to thee;

take my moments and my days,

let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move

at the impulse of thy love;

take my feet, and let them be

swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing

always, only, for my King;

take my lips, and let them be

filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;

not a mite would I withhold;

take my intellect, and use

every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:

it shall be no longer mine;

take my heart: it is thine own;

it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour

at thy feet its treasure-store;

take myself, and I will be

ever, only, all for thee.

*Frances Ridley Havergal*

**Notices**

**Wednesday** Harvest supper for both churches and Pittenweem Parish Church at the Dreel Halls, Anstruther

**Next Sunday** Services will be led by Revd David Gordon

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

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