

**GROWTH STRATEGY LAUNCH SERVICE
DIOCESE OF GLASGOW
AND GALLOWAY
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I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. We are co-workers in God's service.

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

**Christ, you call us all to service,
call us all who follow you;
plant in us a deep commitment
all your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for your justice,
in us kindle love of peace;
help us heal the broken hearted,
to the captive bring release.**

**Teach us how to work together,
brothers, sisters, side by side,
equal partners in the struggle,
in the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given,
man or woman, young or old -
help us use each skill and talent
your great purpose to unfold.**

**Let us be a servant people,
reconciling, ending strife,
seeking ways more just of sharing
and of ord'ring human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision
of this world as it should be;
send us forth to change that vision
into blest reality.**

Words: Joy Patterson (b 1931)

I set no store by life: I only want to finish the race and complete the task which the Lord Jesus assigned to me, of bearing witness to the gospel of God's grace. (Acts 20:24)

Conscious of our failure to proclaim the gospel,
let us call to mind our sins:

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen
and grow your people in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
(with God the Son, Jesus Christ,
and God the Holy Spirit,)
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

Spirit of truth, whom the world can never grasp,
touch our hearts with the shock of your coming;
fill us with desire for your disturbing peace;
and fire us with longing to speak your unspeakable word
through Jesus Christ. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading : 1 Kings 17, 9-16

Epistle: Acts 2, 1-18

*As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Preaching Christ, and not our customs,
let us build a bridge of care,
joining hands across the nations,
finding neighbours everywhere.*

*We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle loving actions,
we will show that Christ is light.
in a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.*

*As a green bud in the springtime
is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
mid earth's peoples, many-hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.*

Words: Ruth C Duck (b1947)

Gospel: Luke 13, 1-20

When it is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At end:

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon: Rt Revd Dr Gregor Duncan

The Region makes a presentation, in word, symbol or movement, of the seeds and signs of hope in its midst, those things in which it delights and desires to nurture with God's help.

***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 man.
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

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.
that we may grow in the Spirit

Generous God,
we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better
in our Regions and in our Diocese.....

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will as we go forward together.....

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.
We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.....

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.....

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us
that we may grow
in prayer and spirituality.
in learning and discipleship
in missional leadership
in numbers, welcome and integration
in our children and young people
and in imaginative outreach within our communities.
Lord, come to bless us.
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.
And that we may show that love to all around us.....

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.
We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit
given us by the risen Lord.
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,
in the joy of eternal life....

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room at Pentecost.

in your mercy fill us with your Spirit that our endeavours for growth in our diocese may come to fruition

***Lord, hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.***

The Peace

We are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

***Christ's is the world in which we move.
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the One who meets us here.***

***To the lost Christ shows his face;
to the unloved He gives His embrace;
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ, makes, with His friends, a touching place.***

***Feel for the people we most avoid.
strange or bereaved or never employed;
feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.***

Refrain

***Feel for the parents who lost their child,
feel for the woman whom men have defiled.
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.***

Refrain:

***Feel for the lives by life confused.
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.***

Refrain:

Words: John Bell (b 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

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 Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.
Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.
You are unceasingly at work,
from chaos bringing order
and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead,
proclaims the dawn of hope.
He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us,
your breath is power
to purge our sin
and warm our hearts to love.
As children of your redeeming purpose,
given power to proclaim your Gospel
as a people growing to serve
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.
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.***

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,
for by the Cross eternal life is ours

and death is swallowed up in victory.
In the first light of Easter
glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the Garden the mystery dawned
that he whom they had loved and lost
is with us now
in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishermen on the shore,
your Son, Jesus Christ, renewed the promise of his presence
and of new birth in the Spirit
who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which slaves walked free,
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***

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

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.***

Hymns during Communion

*Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigour of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*To the members of Christ's Body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to our midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power of love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.*

Words: Carl P Daw (b. 1944)

*Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.*

***Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.***

Music and words: Richard A M Gillard (b. 1953)
Arranged: Betty Pulkingham (b 1928)

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

Father, 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

Spirit of our Loving God,
in your mercy and compassion
inspire, encourage and empower us
to live and work together as a Diocese,
to allow your mission for us to take flesh
through Jesus Christ our Living and Eternal Lord.
Amen

Go, make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
***We will tell of God's wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in God.***
Sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.
***We will tell of God's wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in God.***
Sing praise to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
***We will declare God's deeds among the peoples.
We will sing and be glad and rejoice in God's holy name.***

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

***Go in grace and make disciples,
baptize in God's holy name;
tell of death and resurrection,
Easter's victory now proclaim.
Christ's commission sends us forth
to the nations of the earth.
Go in grace and make disciples,
midwives for the world's rebirth.***

***Go and follow Christ's example,
not to vanquish, but to heal;
mend the wounds of sin's divisions,
servant love to all reveal.
Roles and ranks shall be reversed,
justice flow for all who thirst.
Go and follow Christ's example,
forge a world of last made first.***

***Go in Pentecostal spirit,
many tongues and many gifts;
feed the hearts of hungry people,
spread the gospel that uplifts.
As disciples, teach and learn,
till the day of Christ's return.
Go in Pentecostal spirit,
let God's flame of witness burn.***

Words: Mary Louise Bringle (b 1953)

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