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THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**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.**



FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself. **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32:4-5,18-20,22. R. v.2)

**R. May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (4:14-16)



JESUS CHRIST Is Our GREAT HIGH PRIEST

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help. **The word of the Lord.**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10:35-45)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?'

They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at

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my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so [Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate (all Bow until man)
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

October is Mission Month

We are invited again to reflect upon the Church and its mission. To do this reflection adequately, we need to rethink how we understand the word 'mission'. We are accustomed to identifying the mission of an organisation with nice words on a wall. For the Church, mission is very different. St John Paul II reminds us in *Redemptoris Missio*: "The Church is missionary by her very nature, for Christ's mandate is not something contingent or external, but reaches the very heart of the Church" (62).

In this sense, the Church does not have a mission—the Church is a mission, her very nature is missionary. She exists to be mission in the world in all languages, cultures, and places, to proclaim the love of God to all people.

This notion of mission is a development of the thinking that originated with Pope Leo XIII. Commenting on St John Paul's interpretation, George Weigel says: "... the Church does not have a mission, as if 'mission' were one among a dozen things the Church does; rather, the Church is a mission, and everything the Church does is ordered to that mission, which is the proclamation of the Gospel and the conversion of the world to Christ" (Evangelical Catholicism).

St John the Evangelist tells us: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). Jesus was sent to us by the Father, to communicate this great love. The mission begins with the Father sending His Son. The Son, after His life, death and Resurrection, sends the Apostles: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mk 16:15).

The Church exists for the mission that the Father entrusted to Christ, which He entrusted to the Apostles. We are the ones to bring the Good News into the whole world. This is her deepest purpose, the only reason for her existence. St John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and now Pope Francis have been recalibrating the Church for mission, reminding the Church why she exists.

If the Church is Missionary how are we here in Musselburgh or Tranent fulfilling that vocation? After more than 18 months of Pandemic the challenge – now more than ever – is to realise who we are as Catholic Christians and what our mission is in our families, communities and work place.