

COLLECT

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16.1-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

1 The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' 2 Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' 4 Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' 5 He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' 11 Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' 12 He sent and brought David in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

For the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

R The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R** 3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R** 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 3: 12 –17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians
As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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GOSPEL John 19: 25-27

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to Christ our Saviour

And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel
Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

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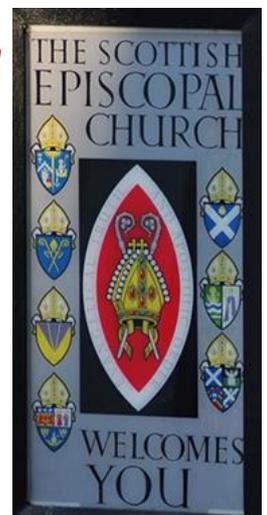
Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The notices for the week are on the reverse of this sheet—take this pewsheet home if you collected it from church

Do tell your neighbours and friends about the times of Openness of our church buildings during this difficult time.

This sheet is also on our website—let others know how to find it to follow week by week.

**Also get the:-
New Weekly Intercessions Sheet &
New Weekly Reflection**
They are all on the website or printed in church to collect





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Worship today 22 March **4th Sunday of Lent** **Mothering Sunday**

All SEC Services SUSPENDED because of Covid-19

Please follow the SEC LIVE streamed Service by the Primus at

www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/

You can download the Order of Service there as well as watch the service on your phone, tablet, computer or smart TV
7pm Light a Candle and Place it in your window for the



Monday 23—feria

Rector's day off

Tuesday 24—comm—Paul Couturier, Priest, 195

Wednesday 25—Festival- **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

1300-1500 St Johns Open for Private Prayer

1500 St Johns Lent group SUSPENDED

1830-2030 St Margarets Open for Private Prayer

1945 St Margarets Lent group SUSPENDED

Thursday 26—feria

1630 Regional Ministers Pioneer Study group **SUSPENDED**

1930 St Margarets Vestry meeting

Friday 27—feria

1000-1600 St Margarets Open for Private Prayer

Saturday 28—comm—Patrick Forbes, Bishop, 1635, and the Aberdeen Doctors, Teachers of the Faith

1000-1200 St Johns Open for Private Prayer

1400-1600 St Margarets Open for Private Prayer

Next Sunday—29 March **5th Sunday of Lent**

Passiontide begins

All SEC Services SUSPENDED because of Covid-19

Please follow the SEC LIVE streamed Service

Lent Groups **SUSPENDED**

continue to follow the course at home and please send in your donation towards the costs of putting on the course. Details on the last page of the book.



STOP CORONAVIRUS



IMPORTANT at Open Church visits
please wash your hands as you enter the church buildings for the times of Private Prayer

Intercessions

The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: Liz Fairns, Elsbeth Carberry, Sandra Ferguson, Pauline Campbell, Alasdair Woods, Jenna McKernan, Audrey Callaghan, Scott Taylor, George Wilmshurst, Adam Semple, Margaret Kerrigan, May Burton, Joan Harrison, Isobel Reid, Gerald Mungavin, Adrian Bull, Norman Sproule, May Goldthorpe, Kate Elvins, Barbara Clark, Martin Hope, Richard Tiplady

The Departed: none

Send the names of people who have asked to be remembered in our parish intercessions to the Rector

We pray for our care of each other in this time of the coronavirus and we pray for our national life

We pray for the Lent Appeal this year—The Glasgow City Mission

We pray for each other that we may keep a good lent season in these extraordinary circumstances

Please see the **new Weekly Intercessions leaflet** to use at home.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER **SUNDAY 22ND MARCH**



The Call to a National Day of Prayer, is in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, people of faith across our nation are invited to join in prayerful solidarity with this witness. Light a candle at 7pm this Sunday, 22nd March, in the window of our homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, the source of hope in this life. We offer a prayer to use when lighting your candle:

For all that is good in life, thank you,
For the love of family and friends, thank you,
For the kindness of good neighbour and Samaritan stranger, thank you.

May those who are vulnerable, hungry or homeless, experience support,
May those who are sick, know healing,
May those who are anxious or bereaved, sense comfort.

Bless and guide political leaders and decision-makers, with wisdom,

Bless and guide health workers and key workers, with strength and well-being,

Bless and guide each one of us, as we adapt to a new way of living.

And may the light shining from our windows, across road and wynd, glen and ben, kyle and isle, be reflected in our hearts and hands and hopes.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Sponsorship: in prayer for those fighting to help our nation in this time of threat from coronavirus

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