

COLLECT

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37.1–14

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' 4 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' 7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." 12 Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 130

R You shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves.

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? 3 For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. **R** 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night-watch for the morning, more than the night-watch for the morning. **R** 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; 7 With him there is plentiful redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8.6–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

GOSPEL John 11.1–45

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' 8 The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' 9 Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10 But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' 11 After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' 12 The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. 15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' 16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' 17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' 23 Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' 24 Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' 25 Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 27 She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' 28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' 37 But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' 38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' 40 Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' 45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen**

BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**



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Worship today 29 March **5th Sunday of Lent**

Passiontide begins All SEC church services **SUSPENDED**

Please follow the SEC LIVE streamed Service 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

Also worship from St Mary's Cathedral at

www.thecathedral.org.uk/2020/03/17/online-worship/

7pm Light a Candle and place it in your window

Monday 30—feria

Tuesday 31—feria

Wednesday 1 April—comm—Gilbert of Caithness, Bishop, 1245

Thursday 2—feria

Friday 3—feria

Saturday 4—comm—Patrick Forbes, Bishop, 1635, and the Aberdeen Doctors, Teachers of the Faith

Next Sunday—5 April **Palm Sunday**

Holy Week begins All SEC Church Services **SUSPENDED**

Please follow the SEC LIVE streamed Services and hopefully a Rector's streamed service

Your Giving supporting our work and ministry

If you can change your giving to online or direct to the church bank accounts that would be appreciated, envelopes can be sent to Reuben at his house. As a reference put your name or envelopes number.

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Rest in Peace—It is with sadness that we mourn the loss of John McCann who died this week. We shall have a Memorial Service for him after we all come out of the current lockdown. He will be cremated on Wednesday this week and we hold Brenda and the family in our prayers at this harsh time.

St Margaret's Magazine for April will be published online as will the **St John's Newsletter** please see www.SECStJohnStMargaert.org.uk

To ask about arrangements for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms/Christenings, Confessions, House Blessings etc. please contact the Rec-

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 Wilmsurst, 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: John McCann

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

We pray for those who mourn at the challenging time.

We pray for health and police service personnel trying to keep us safe

We pray for each other that we may keep a good lent season in these extraordinary circumstances and look after the sick and lonely

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

During these strange and challenging times of your charity pray for yourself, your loved ones, the nation and all health workers, delivery workers, and staff keeping food and pharmacy stores open along with other workers maintaining our needs during this testing period.



To download this week from www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

This **Pewsheets**

The new **Weekly Intercessions leaflet**

The new **Reflection sheet**

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& Prayer Book Society streamed services www.pbs.org.uk/churches-and-services/-1

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Sponsorship: in prayer for those struggling with the new lockdown situation and for an end to this virus outbreak in our nation

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