

# 2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday 19 April 2020

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## COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Acts 2.14a, 22–32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, 14 Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 22 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – 23 this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24 But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25 For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 29 Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

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

## PSALM Psalm 16

**Response: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.**

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord, my good above all other.' 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. **R** 3 But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **R** 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **R** 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. 8 I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. **R** 9 My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. 11 You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R**

## SECOND READING 1 Peter 1.3–9

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith

for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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

## GOSPEL John 20.19–31

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

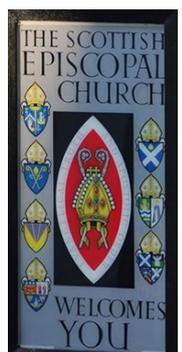
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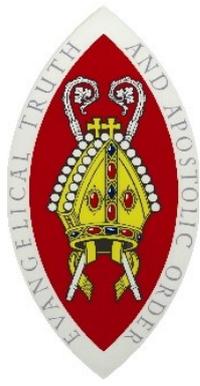
Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

## BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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





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## Worship today 19 April 2nd Sunday of Easter

All SEC Church Services in our buildings SUSPENDED

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streamed Service at

[www.scotland.anglican.org/  
broadcast-sunday-worship/](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/)

also worship from our  
St Mary's Cathedral at

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7pm Light a Candle and place it  
in your window



**Monday 20**—comm— Maelrubha of Applecross, Abbot, 722

**Tuesday 21**—comm— Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop and Teacher  
of the Faith, 1109

**Wednesday 22**—feria

**Thursday 23**—comm— George, Patron of England, Martyr, c303

**Friday 24**—feria

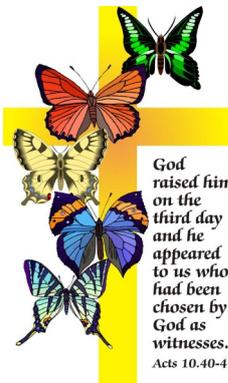
**Saturday 25**—Festival— **St Mark, Evangelist**

Next Sunday—26 April **EASTER 3**

All SEC Church Services SUSPENDED

Please follow our SEC online Sunday ser-  
vice on our website

At home pray the **Stations of the Res-  
urrection** at/on any day/time—see the new  
video service Reuben has made that follows  
the **Love Lives Again** images of the Resur-  
rection used in St Margarets. It is 47mins with  
music from a Virtual Choir created by Taize to  
mark this Easter in our isolation.



### Your Giving supporting our work and ministry

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

#### St Johns

Account Name: St Johns Scottish Episcopal Church - Johnstone

Bank: Bank Of Scotland, Johnstone.

Sort Code: 80-16-53 Account Number: 00356544

#### St Margarets

Account Name: St Margarets Episcopal Church

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### Intercessions

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

**The Departed:** victims of COVID-19 this week

Send the names of people who have asked to be remembered in our par-  
ish intercessions to the Rector

We pray for those who are ill in hospital

We pray for the scientists working out how and when life should be  
opened up again for us all

We pray for a sense of Easter Joy in our isolation

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



During these strange and challenging  
times 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](http://www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk)

This **Pewsheet**

The new **Weekly Intercessions leaflet**

The new **Reflection sheet**



**Our Online services**—a  
call for photos, messages  
to be read out and music  
requests from YouTube

or online sources. *It takes about 30-40hrs to make  
a Sunday Service & the content needs to be gathered  
by Wednes evening for Thurs & Frid edit and upload-  
ing and copyright checks*

**Attendance 100% Viewing Stats so far.....**

**Palm Sunday 153 Easter Day 206**

**Holy Week** Mon 34 Tues 24 Wed 15 Thurs 19  
Good Friday 47 & Holy Hour 31

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