

COLLECT

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 7.55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and the council, 55 Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' 60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

PSALM Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16

Response: Let your face shine on your servants

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. 2 Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. **R**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. **R**

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. **R**

15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2.2-10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight.

5 Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' 7 To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' and

8 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal

priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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GOSPEL John 14.1-14

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.' 5 Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' 6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

8 Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' 9 Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

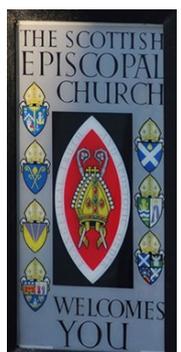
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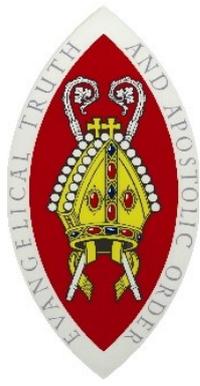
God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

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 10 May 5th Sunday of Easter

All SEC Church Services in our buildings SUSPENDED

Our service is online at
www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk
from 0945am



You can also follow the SEC LIVE streamed
Provincial Service at
www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/

also worship from our
St Mary's Cathedral at www.thecathedral.org.uk

7pm Light a Candle and place it in your window
as we pray for the Nation

Monday 11—feria

Tuesday 12—comm-Thomas Rattray, Bishop, 1743

Wednesday 13—feria

Thursday 14—Festival-St Matthias, Apostle

Friday 15—feria

Saturday 16—feria

Next Sunday—17 May **EASTER 6**

All SEC Church Services SUSPENDED

Please follow our SEC online
Sunday service on our website

Ascension Day 21 May
Pentecost 31 May



Your Giving supporting our work and ministry

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St Johns

Account Name: St Johns Scottish Episcopal Church - Johnstone
Bank: Bank Of Scotland, Johnstone.
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You can also send via paypal www.paypal.me/reubenjamespreston

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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, Doreen Ward, Isobel Trail, Richard Tiplady, Robert Ferguson

The Departed: Liz More

We pray for those who are working in the NHS
We pray for researchers seeking to develop a vaccine against COVID19
We pray for the local FoodBanks
We pray for wisdom for our Bishops meeting this week
Please see the new Weekly Intercessions leaflet to use at home.

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

This Pewsheet

The new Weekly Intercessions leaflet
The new Reflection sheet

Our Online services—Have you got any content ideas for the Finding Jesus with George Productions? Let's share ideas and get better week by week

The weekly timetable is this:

Monday & Tuesday—plan and gather material, images, readers and intercessions, music, make Order of Service and Pewsheet draft.

Wednesday—film with Stephen & George and copy materials & begin the editing of everything together

Thursday—Edit the material into 37 chunks and then render into one video over night (takes about 4-5hrs)

Friday—check and then re-edit and re-render as necessary and upload to YouTube over night and await copyright clearances

Saturday—prepare weblinks and website connections to the video and post on social media

Sunday—watch with everyone and start again!

Have you got some ideas to help make our services reach more people? Please tell Reuben and he can work on what can be done.....

—also our Pastoral Assistants Wilma and John are keeping in touch by phone—watch out for the next mailing at the start of May—Thank you for

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