

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 24 May 2020

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.
Mercifully give us faith to know that,
as he promised, he abides with us on earth
to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING Acts 1.6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this
the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 He replied, 'It
is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by
his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit
has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all
Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9 When he had said
this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him
out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up
towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11
They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards
heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' 12 Then
they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is
near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had
entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were stay-
ing, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas,
Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the
Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devot-
ing themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including
Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brother.

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

PSALM Psalm 68.1-10, 33-36

Response: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee
before him. 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as
the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. **R** 3
But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry
and joyful. 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon
the heavens; Yahweh is his name, rejoice before him! **R** 5 Father of orphans,
defender of widows, God in his holy habitation! 6 God gives the solitary a
home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry
places. **R** 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, when you
marched through the wilderness, 8 The earth shook and the skies poured
down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God,
the God of Israel. **R** 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary. 10 Your people found their home
in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. **R** 33
Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord. 34 He rides in
the heavens, the ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
R 35 Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the
skies. 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! the God of Israel giving
strength and power to his people! Blessed be God! **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place
among you to test you, as though something strange were happening
to you. 13 But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings,
so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is re-
vealed. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed,
because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on
you. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so

that he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him,
because he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a
roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for
someone to devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you
know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are under-
going the same kinds of suffering. 10 And after you have suffered
for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eter-
nal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and
establish you. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL John 17.1-11

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has
come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2
since you have given him authority over all people, to give
eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eter-
nal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus
Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by fin-
ishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father,
glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in
your presence before the world existed. 6 I have made your
name known to those whom you gave me from the world.
They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have
kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have
given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I
have given to them, and they have received them and know in
truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you
sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on
behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave
me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours
are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am
no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am
coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that
you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

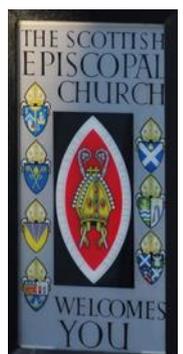
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him
as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ, the risen and ascended Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

Christ our king make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory; 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 24 May 7th 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 25—comm— Bede the Venerable of Jarrow 735

Tuesday 26—comm—Augustine of Canterbury Bishop c604

Wednesday 27—feria

Thursday 28—feria

Friday 29—feria

Saturday 30—feria



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

The Departed: Elinor Goodwin, Mildred McConville

We pray for the preparations to come out of lockdown

We pray for researchers seeking to develop a vaccine against COVID19

We pray for Kevin as he prepares to become our new Bishop

Please see the **VOCID-19 prayers in the Intercession leaflet**

Weekly downloads from www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

This **Pewsheet**

The **Weekly Intercessions & COVID-19 prayers**

The **Reflection sheet**

Praying at home together

Live-streaming from **St Gabriel's Oratory is now well underway** and I'll be leading

Morning Prayer at 9am &

Evening Prayer at 530pm Monday to Friday this week.

Come along and join in too and put a bit of structure to your day in lockdown.

The service words are found at

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>

The live stream is at

<https://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>

Everyone should have been called by our **Pastoral Assistants** who are doing a great job of keeping in touch with everyone. Thanks John & Wilma.

Service Viewing Stats Ascension Day ??? views

Easter 6 54 views **Easter 5** 99 views—keep sharing our work and our prayer and invite others to join in too!



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