

COLLECT

Almighty God,
we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 51.1–6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. 3 For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. 4 Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. 5 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

PSALM Psalm 138

Response: O Lord, your love endures for ever;

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; 3 For you have glorified your name and your word above all things. **R** 4 When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth. 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar. **R** 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands **R**

SECOND READING Romans 12.1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of

yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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GOSPEL Matthew 16.13-20

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

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' 14 And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 15 He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' 16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' 17 And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

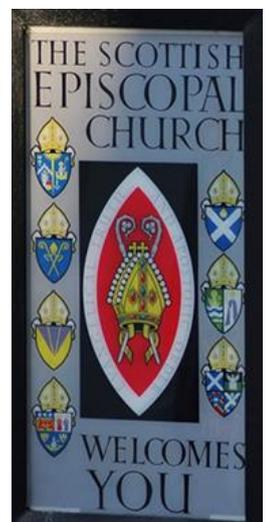
BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: 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

—please pass it onto a friend or neighbour

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





The Joint Charges of St Johns Johnstone & St Margarets Renfrew

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Worship today 23 August Pentecost 12

0945 Said Eucharist at St Johns—**unticketed**

1130 Said Eucharist at St Margarets

(book your seat by phoning John Mitchell max of 27 people)



Both of the above services will be streamed live for people who cannot come to church, <https://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>



Our final online Service will also be on the website and we shall be meeting Lisa Curtice our Ordinand for the year see www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

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



Monday 24 August –Festival– St Bartholomew, Apostle

Tuesday 25 August—comm—Ebba of Coldingham, Abbess, 683

Wednesday 26 August—feria (Zoom room opens from 645)

7pm Zoom Holy Communion login ID 82144535581 Passcode 465033

Thursday 27 August—comm—Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387 (Zoom room opens from 645)

7pm Faithfull Followers looking at Psalm 3

login ID 81173296254 Passcode 185779

Friday 28 August—comm—Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 430

Saturday 29 August—Festival- Beheading of John the Baptist

Next Sunday—30 August Pentecost 13

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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, George Wilmshurst, Adam Semple, Margaret Kerrigan, May Burton, Joan Harrison, Isobel Reid, Gerald Mungavin, Adrian Bull, Norman Sproule, May Goldthorpe, Isobel Trail, Ellen Jones, Isabel Cummings, Hamish Cummings, Peter Wells, Christine....

The Departed: none

We pray for the SEC and our diocese as Bp Kevin meets everyone virtually
We pray for the government dealings with refugees & asylum seekers
We pray for researchers seeking to develop a vaccine against COVID19.
We pray for students dealing with the exam grades mess
We pray for people affected by the Manchester bombing trial outcome
Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet

Weekly downloads from www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk
Pewsheets & Intercessions & Reflection

Praying at home together

Live-streaming

Morning Prayer at 9am & Evening Prayer at 530pm
Monday to Friday each week.



The service words are found at

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

The live stream is at

<https://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>

As our church buildings are opening again please ensure you keep others safe by observing social distancing.

Please do not attend if you feel unwell, or have COVID19 symptoms



We have to keep contact details of everyone attending a church service for 21 days. Please complete the GDPR form and leave it in church. Thank you.



For more information go to [NHSinform.scot](https://www.nhs.uk/informationscotland)

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Sponsorship: in prayer for Lisa Curtice and all our SEI Ordinands training for Ministry in SEC

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