

## COLLECT

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING Genesis 50.15–21

A reading from the book of Genesis.

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' 19 But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

## PSALM Psalm 103.8–13

**Response: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,**

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us,  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. **R**

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children,  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 14.1–12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

1 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. 2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. 4 Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. 5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6 Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. 7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you

despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. 11 For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' 12 So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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## GOSPEL Matthew 18.21–35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' 22 Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 23 For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." 29 Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

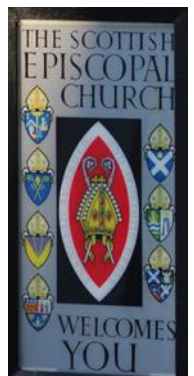
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 Joint Charges of St Johns Johnstone & St Margarets Renfrew

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## Worship today 13 September **Pentecost 15**

**0945 Said Eucharist at St Johns—unticketed**  
**1130 Said Eucharist at St Margarets—ticked**  
(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>



**7pm Light a Candle** and place it in your window as we pray for the Nation using the prayer on the Intercessions leaflet each week

**Monday 14 September** —feria

**Tuesday 15 September** —Festival- Holy Cross Day

**Wednesday 16 September** —Festival- Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop, Sixth century (Zoom room opens from 645)

**7pm Zoom Holy Communion** login ID 82144535581 Passcode 465033

**Thursday 17 September** —comm-Hildegard of Bingen, Abbess, 1179 (Zoom room opens from 645)

**7pm Faithfull Followers looking at Psalm 7**

login ID 81173296254 Passcode 185779

**Friday 18 September** —feria

2pm ISC Online Prayer Group via Zoom see

<http://iscglasgow.co.uk/fridayprayer.html> for details 1hr of led prayer, silence and sharing

**Saturday 19 September** —feria

## Next Sunday—20 September **Pentecost 16**

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**THANK YOU** from Reuben, Stephen (& George) for the appreciative responses from individuals and vestries for our efforts with the FJwGPs over the last months



Lisa Curtice our Ordinand can be contacted [SEIstudent@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](mailto:SEIstudent@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk)  
Over the coming months Lisa will be telephoning folk to say hello and have a blether about church life in our Charges.

**Wrap up warm for Church as autumn comes**

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

## 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, Isobel Trail, Ellen Jones, Isabel Cummings, Hamish Cummings, Peter Wells, Nicholas Taylor, Fiona & Christine....

**The Departed:** Robert Ball

We pray for the Charges of the SEC as we all get back into Church  
We pray for researchers seeking to develop a vaccine against COVID19.  
We pray for Universities and Colleges as the year gets underway  
We pray for Glasgow City Mission

**Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet**

**Weekly downloads from**  
[www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](http://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



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**by 0900 on Wednesdays.**

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