

COLLECT

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.**FIRST READING** Ezekiel 18.1–4, 25–32

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? 3 As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 4 Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. 25 Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? 26 When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. 27 Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. 28 Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? 30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

PSALM Psalm 25.1–9

Response: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love.

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **R**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. 8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 2.1–13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death

on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 21.23–32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' 24 Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" 26 But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' 27 So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 28 What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." 29 He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

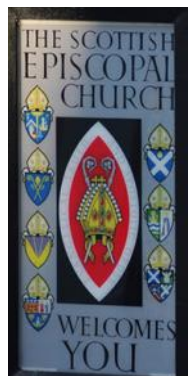
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name 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





The Joint Charges of St Johns Johnstone & St Margarets Renfrew

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Worship today 27 September **Pentecost 17**

0945 Holy Communion by extension at St Johns—unticketed

1130 Holy Communion by extension St Margarets—ticketed

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

Led by LWLs Gill & John and the preacher at both services is our Ordinand Lisa

Today's service will not be streamed



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 28 September —feria

Tuesday 29 September —**Festival— Michael and All Angels**

Wednesday 30 September —Comm- Jerome, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 420 **No Zoom Service this evening**

Thursday 1 October —comm- Gregory the Enlightener, Bishop, "Apostle of Armenia", c 332

Friday 2 October —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 3 October —feria

Next Sunday—4 October **Pentecost 18**

0945 Said Eucharist at St Johns—unticketed

1130 Said Eucharist at St Margarets—note unticketed

Both of the above services will be streamed live for people who cannot come to church

<https://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>

"Hello this is Lisa the Ordinand, I am calling to say hello..." over the coming weeks Lisa will be calling everyone on our lists to introduce herself

and make contact with the people of St Johns and St Margarets because she cannot come around and visit people's homes. When she calls you please be kind and tell her about your part in the life of our Charges. Lisa Curtice our Ordinand can be contacted

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October newsletter out this week—keep an eye on the website

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, Moira Bruce

The Departed: none

We pray for the people of Scotland as we get used to the new restrictions

We pray for researchers seeking to develop a vaccine against COVID19.

We pray for our SEI students preparing for their ordinations

We pray for people seeking work in these strange times

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 all seeking refreshment on holiday in these strange times

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