

Pentecost 23—Remembrance Sunday Sunday 8 November 2020

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COLLECT

O God, whose will it is to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace: let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows; and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Joshua 24.1–3a, 14–25

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors – Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor – lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. 14 Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.' 16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18 and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.' 19 But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' 21 And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!' 22 Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' 23 He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.' 24 The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

PSALM Psalm 78.1–7

Response: We will recount the wonderful works of the Lord.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **R** 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children. 4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done. **R** 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, which he commanded them to teach their children; 6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children; 7 So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4.13–18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 25.1–13

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

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 1 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9 But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. 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.**





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Worship today Remembrance Sunday

Pentecost 23

0945 Said Eucharist at St Johns

with Act of Remembrance

1130 Said Eucharist at St Margarets

with Act of Remembrance with retiring collection for Royal British Legion

Both services are recorded and made available on our YouTube Channel at about 4pm on Sunday
<http://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 9 November—comm—George Hay Forbes, Priest, 1875

Tuesday 10 November—comm—Leo the Great, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 461

Wednesday 11 November—comm—Martin of Tours, Bishop, c 397

2pm Telephone Church use the details on the newsletter

7pm Zoom/Telephone Communion Service

Thursday 12 November—comm—Machar, Bishop, c 600

Friday 13 November—feria

Saturday 14 November—feria

Next Sunday—**St Margaret of Scotland** (trans)

0945 Said Eucharist at St Johns

1130 Said Eucharist at St Margarets

"Hello this is Lisa the Ordinand, I am calling to ask how you are getting on with the All Saints OoF, who has inspired you in life that you can tell us about...."

Lisa Curtice our Ordinand can be contacted SEIstudent@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

AGMs

On Zoom & on the telephone

St Margarets Thursday 26 November 7.30pm

St John Saturday 21 November 12noon

Advent Quiet afternoon Saturday 28 Nov 3pm with Bishop Kevin

ONLINE services available from about 4pm on Sundays



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, Peter Wells, Moira Bruce, Sue Graham, Margaret Gibb, Carol & Joanna
The Departed: all those who were died in the line of duty
We pray for our neighbours in the Church of England in lockdown
We pray for researchers seeking to develop a vaccine against COVID19.
We pray for our shop-keepers and businesses
We pray for the people of USA as they handle the election results
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

The service words are found at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>
The live stream is at <https://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>



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