

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 64.1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. 5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. 8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

PSALM Psalm 80.1–7, 16–18

R Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. **R** 4 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? **R** 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R** 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. 17 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.3–9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

My brothers and sisters: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among

you – 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL Mark 13.24–37

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 24 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28 From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. 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

The Scottish Episcopal Church United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway
St John's Church, Floors Street, Johnstone PA5 8QS St Margaret's Church, Oxford Road, Renfrew PA4 0SJ

National Tier 4 of lockdown—legal max of 20 people at Sunday services

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Zoom/Telephone is Tel:01314601196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407

Passcode: 076546 or use the link on the newsletter or website



Worship today ADVENT Sunday

0945 Said Eucharist with Litany at St Johns
1130 Said Eucharist with Litany at St Margarets

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 30 November—Festival-Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

Tuesday 1 December—comm-Charles de Foucauld, Priest and Hermit, 1916

Wednesday 2 December—comm-Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637

2pm Telephone Church

....use the details on the newsletter for both....

7pm Zoom/Telephone Ante-Communion Service



Thursday 3 December—comm-Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary, 1552

Friday 4 December—comm-Clement of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, c 214



Saturday 5 December—feria

Next Sunday—**ADVENT 2**

0945 Said Eucharist with Litany at St Johns
1130 Said Eucharist with Litany at St Margarets



Your ADVENT OoF has been sent with the December Newsletter. Please send a photo of your stencil in your window to Reuben to add to the website.

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Join in the Lighting of your Advent Candles at home using our YouTube Channel Videos available from 9am each Sunday Morning. Link Above



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, Isobel Trail, Ellen Jones, Isabel Cummings, Peter Wells, Moira Bruce, Sue Graham, Margaret Gibb, Carol, Joanna, John Mitchell

The Departed: none

We pray for our neighbours in financial struggles

We pray for all those working to develop the vaccine against COVID19.

We pray for each other as we are in Tier 4 of Lockdown together

Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet

We are in lockdown Tier 4 legal max of 20 people at services

Weekly downloads from
www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

Pewsheets & Intercessions & Reflection
Praying at home together Live-streaming

Morning Prayer 9am &

Evening Prayer 530pm Monday to Friday

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



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE—HOPE

We light this first candle to pray for hope. We pray for ourselves and for everyone. We ask that our hope will be fixed on God and that God will inspire us to hope for good things. We pray for everyone who feels that their hope has gone. May they find a new hope that shines like this candle flame.

Lord Jesus Christ,
hope of our hearts
and hope for the world,
come close to us this Advent.



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by 0900 on Wednesdays.

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Sponsorship: in prayer for Revd Harriet Johnston ordained Priest today 3pm at Bishopbriggs

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