

## **COLLECT**

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING** Isaiah 40.21–31

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; 23 who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. 24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. 25 To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. 27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. 30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 147.1–12, 20c

**R** Sing praises to our God, who heals the broken hearted.

1 Alleluia! How good it is to sing praises to our God! how pleasant it is to honour him with praise! 2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. 3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. 4 He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names. **R** 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom. 6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground. 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp. **R** 8 He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth; 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve us all. 10 He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry. **R** 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse, he has no pleasure in human strength; 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favour. 20 Alleluia! **R**

## **SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 9.16–23

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

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. 18 What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. 19

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

## **GOSPEL** Mark 1.29–39

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

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' 38 He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' 39 And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel*

*Praise to Christ our Lord.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

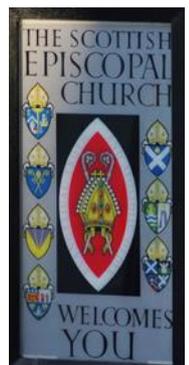
Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

## **BLESSING**

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; 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—take this pewsheet home to pass on to neighbours and friends.*

*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  
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**National lockdown: Church buildings closed for physical worship services**

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

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## Worship today Epiphany 5

**0945 Online Service at**

<http://tinyURL.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>

**1800 Zoom Evensong to join in with (40mins)**

we have some hymns to join in singing at home from YouTube and hear the readings for the day. If you have any requests please send them in so that we can include them.

**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 8 February**-feria

**Tuesday 9 February**-feria

**Wednesday 10 February**—comm-Scholastica, Religious, 543

**2pm Telephone Church**

**7pm Zoom/Telephone Communion Service**

**Thursday 11 February**—feria

**Friday 12 February**—feria

**Saturday 13 February**—feria

Next Sunday—**Sunday before Lent**

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**Your Candlesmas OoF**—peoples contributions have been added to the website so do go and take a look.



**LENT Course begins on Thursday 18 February Stepping towards the Light**

*You have been told, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6.8*

Full details in Newsletter and on website—let Lisa know that you want to join in [SEIstudent@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](mailto:SEIstudent@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk)

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, Adam Semple, Margaret Kerrigan, May Burton, Joan Harrison, Isobel Reid, Adrian Bull, Isobel Trail, Ellen Jones, Isabel Cummings, Margaret Gibb, Lisa in Oxford, Carol, Joanna, Barbara Clark, Steve Elliott, Charlotte, Moira Bruce, Alex Bruce, Jean Souter, Graham Taylor, Laurie Henderson

**The Departed:** none

We pray for world leaders trying to deal with mass vaccinations  
We pray for the future of our High Streets and shopping centres

**Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet**

**As our Church buildings are closed you can find the Weekly downloads from [www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](http://www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk) Pewsheets & Intercessions & Reflection**



## PRAYING AT HOME TOGETHER

Live-streaming

**Morning Prayer 9am & Evening Prayer 5.30pm**

hosted at <http://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>

## Bishop Kevin's Lent Appeal 2021

This year Bishop Kevin is calling us to raise funds for the work of Aberlour. We have supported their work as a diocese in the past and the work they do with children and young people is remarkable. Please take a look at their website to find out more at [www.aberlour.org.uk](http://www.aberlour.org.uk)



The vestries are looking for ideas to raise funds across Lent this year in Renfrew and Johnstone. Please let the Vestry Secretaries have your ideas.

"Young people growing up in Scotland's most deprived communities are 3 times more likely to die before the age of 25. We need your help."

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**Sponsorship: in prayer for all people involved in making the role out of the vaccines happen quickly**

If you would like to sponsor this sheet please send you £5 donation to the Rector along with details of the sponsorship (even if anonymous)