

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2.1–12

A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. 3 The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' 4 Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. 5 The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' 6 Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. 7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' 10 He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' 11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 50.1-6

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

Our God will come and will not keep silence. 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory. **R** 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm. 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his people. **R** 5 'Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.' 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4.3–6

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

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL Mark 9.2-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' 6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' 8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. **Amen**

BLESSING

Christ our king make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; 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 pewsheets 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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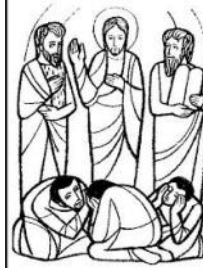
Worship today Sunday before Lent

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 15 February—comm—Thomas Bray, Priest Missionary, 1730

Tuesday 16 February—comm—Cyril, Monk, 869, and Methodius, Bishop, 885, 'Apostles of the Slavs' (*trans from 14th Feb*)

Wednesday 17 February—Holy Day— **ASH WEDNESDAY**

2pm Telephone Church for Ash Wednesday

7pm Zoom/Telephone Communion Service for Ash Wednesday

Thursday 18 February—feria

7.30pm— 8.30pm *Lent Course begins see the separate zoom details you have been sent on signing up*

Friday 19 February—comm—Martin Luther, 1546

Saturday 20 February—comm—Finan of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 661 (*translated from 17th*)

Next Sunday—**Lent 1**

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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

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, Jean Souter, Graham Taylor, Mhairi, Laurie Henderson

The Departed: Alex Bruce

We pray for world leaders trying to deal with mass vaccinations

We pray for families mourning and grieving at this time

Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet

As our Church buildings are closed you can find the Weekly downloads from 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



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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Items for inclusion should be sent to Rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk by 0900 on Wednesdays.

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

Sponsorship: in prayer for all who mourn for the late Alex Bruce: May he rest in peace

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)