

**COLLECT**

God of patience and humility, in your love you gave your Son to be rejected and raised up on a cross. Gather us under its shadow and open our eyes to its mystery, that we may share even now in the life that is from above; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.****FIRST READING Genesis 17.1–7, 15–16**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' 3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant between me and you, and our offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.' 15 God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22.22-30**

**R All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them. **R**

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: 'May your heart live for ever!' **R**

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. **R**

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done. **R**

**SECOND READING Romans 4.13–25**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, 'I have made you

the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' 23 Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

**GOSPEL Mark 8.31-38**

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**BLESSING**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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.*





# 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 Lent 2

**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 1 March**—comm-David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, c.601

**Tuesday 2 March**—comm-Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672

**TARTAN Tuesday—towards the LENT Appeal**

**Wednesday 3 March**—comm-John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791 and 1788

**2pm Telephone Church**

**7pm Zoom/Telephone Communion Service**

**Thursday 4 March**—comm- Adrian of May Island, Abbot, and Companions, Martyrs, 875

7.30pm– 8.30pm Lent Course continues see the separate zoom details you have been sent on signing up and joining in

**Friday 5 March**—feria

**KILTED Friday-towards the LENT Appeal**

**Saturday 6 March**—comm-Baldred, Bishop, 608

Next Sunday—7 March—**Lent 3**

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Coming soon. ... **World Day of Prayer 2021**

**2pm Friday 5 March**

see [www.wdpScotland.org.uk](http://www.wdpScotland.org.uk) for full details  
join in the service.....

A live zoom service from Augustine United Church, Edinburgh ID: 895 9398 3883 Passcode: 901656  
or dial in on the telephone 0131 4601196  
using the ID and Passcode.

## 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, Stephen Hazlett

**The Departed:** none

We pray for UK leaders preparing for relaxations in lockdowns

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](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 give to the appeal through the link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/diocese-of-glasgow-galloway>



"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."

*You can send cheques/cash to the Rector at home and it will be passed on too.*

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

**Sponsorship: in prayer for Scotland and its people as we live through the coming months**

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)