

COLLECT

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Exodus 20.1–17

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labour and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. 12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. 13 You shall not murder. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 19

R The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. 2 One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. 3 Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. **R** 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R** 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R** 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R R** 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. 12 Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence. **R** 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.18–25

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

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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GOSPEL John 2.13–22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' 18 The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' 19 Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' 20 They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

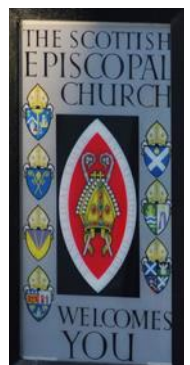
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

we are online at www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

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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 Lent 3

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 March—comm-Duthac, Bishop, 1068

Tuesday 9 March—comm-Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs, 203 (translated from 7 March)

TARTAN Tuesday—towards the LENT Appeal

Wednesday 10 March—comm-Kessog, Bishop, c.700

2pm Telephone Church

7pm Zoom/Telephone Communion Service

Thursday 11 March—feria

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

Friday 12 March—feria

KILTED Friday-towards the LENT Appeal

Saturday 13 March—feria

Next Sunday—**Lent 4— Mothering Sunday**

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Planning for the next stages of our Church's lives..... How have we engaged with helping others to become part of St Johns & St Margarets lives? How have we invited people to join in the online events and worship?

How have we valued the online presence of St Johns & St Margarets? What could we think of doing to plan for the new future which lies ahead of us? Where is Christ calling us to work to help make the presence of St Johns & St Margarets felt and experienced? Send your thoughts to our Lay Reps:

John Mitchell & Wilma Kennan & our Vestry Secretaries:
Moira Searle & Kay Cherry

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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 Bp Kevin's Lent Appeal—Aberlour Childrens Charity
We pray for families adapting to children being at school again

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 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."

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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 those volunteering in the vaccination centres across Scotland

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)