

### **COLLECT**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING Numbers 21.4–9**

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' 6 Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' 9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

### **Responsorial Psalm Psalm 107.1–3, 17–22**

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever. **R**

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **R**

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **R**

20 He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. **R**

### **SECOND READING Ephesians 2.1–10**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 3 All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5 even when we

were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – 9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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### **GOSPEL John 3.14–21**

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 14 'Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

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

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

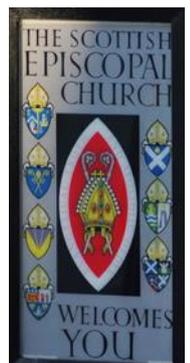
Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

### **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.*

*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

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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**

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



## Worship today Lent 3- Refreshment Sunday

**0945 Online Service at**

<http://tinyURL.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>

**1600 Zoom Regional Service**



We welcome Cn Audrey becoming the *Transitional Minister* in the Heartlands Group for the next 12 months or so. The Zoom details are for this service only as follows:

**Meeting ID 820 1593 5638 Passcode: 759669**

*No Evensong today please come along to the Regional Service at 4pm*

**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 March**-feria

**Tuesday 16 March**-comm-Boniface of Ross, Bishop, 8th century

**TARTAN Tuesday**—towards the LENT Appeal

**Wednesday 17 March**—Festival-Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, c.461

**2pm Telephone Church**

**7pm Zoom/Telephone Communion Service**

**Thursday 18 March**—comm-Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 386

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

**Friday 19 March**—Festival-St Joseph of Nazareth

**KILTED Friday**-towards the LENT Appeal

**Saturday 20 March**—feria

Next Sunday—**Lent 5**—Passiontide begins

**0945 Online Service at**

<http://tinyURL.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>

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



Physical Church & Virtual Church & Telephone Church..... have you sent your reflections in to help the Vestries consider the possible next steps as we move into a new reality.

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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 the Scottish Government as it deals with internal discord  
**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."

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