

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 4.32-35

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 133

Response: How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.

1 O how good and pleasant it is,
when a family lives together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe. R

4 It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore. R

SECOND READING 1 John 1.1-2.2

A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – 2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – 3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned,

we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Gospel John 20.19-31

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

When It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

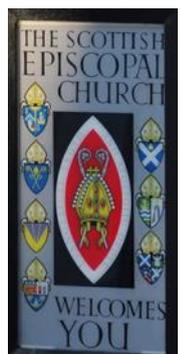
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen





The Joint Charges of St Johns Johnstone & St Margarets Renfrew

The Scottish Episcopal Church United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway
St John's Church, Floors Street, Johnstone PA5 8QS St Margaret's Church, Oxford Road, Renfrew PA4 0SJ

Physical Services are being recorded and put online for 4pm

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 2nd Sunday of Easter

0945am Eucharist in **St Johns**—max 29 people

1130am Eucharist in **St Margarets**—max 25 people

6pm Evensong on Zoom/Telephone

Physical Church continues

0945 St Johns & 1130 St Margarets

the services will be put online for 4pm on Easter Sunday.



 **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 12 April-comm-William Forbes, Bishop, 1634

Tuesday 13 April-comm-George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop and Missionary, 1878 (translated from 11 April)

Wednesday 14 April-feria

2pm Telephone Church

7pm Zoom/Telephone Holy Communion

Thursday 15 April-feria

Friday 16 April-comm-Magnus of Orkney, Martyr, c.1116

Saturday 17 April-comm-Donnan, Abbot and Companions, Martyrs, c.617

Next Sunday—**Easter 3**

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6pm Evensong on Zoom/Telephone

Physical Church, Virtual Church & Telephone Church.....

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Thank you to the flower arrangers who made the buildings look great for Easter Day

Happy Birthday to Joan Harrison who will be 100 on Wednesday



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, Charlotte, Moira Bruce, Jean Souter, Graham Taylor, Mhairi, Laurie Henderson, Stephen Hazlett

The Departed: HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh

We pray for the Queen and the Royal Family as they mourn

We pray for business owners as they begin to reopen

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

Morning Prayer 9am & Evening Prayer 530pm
resume live online 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. Please get your donations in as soon as you can—either to church or online using the link—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.

Collection for Lisa—Lisa leaves us as the SEI Ordinand at the end of May. She will return as the Regional Curate at the end of September. We are starting a collection to buy her stoles for her ministry amongst us. Please give any donations to Reuben. Thank you.

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

Sponsorship: in thanksgiving for the 100th birthday of Joan Harrison this Wednesday

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)