

Collect

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 8.26-40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) 27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' 30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' 31 He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' 34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' 35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' 38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22.24-30

Response: All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

24 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 1 John 4.7-21

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for

our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. 15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel John 15.1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 1 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

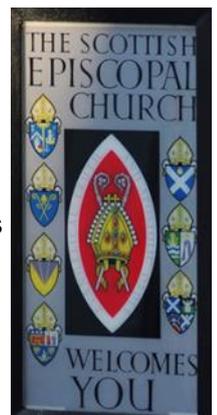
Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 5th Sunday of Easter

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

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

6pm Evensong on Zoom/Telephone

Physical Church continues

0945 St Johns & 1130 St Margarets
the services will be recorded and put
online for 4pm on Sunday afternoon.



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 3 May-comm- Athanasius, Bishop and Teacher of the
Faith, 373 (translated from 2 May)

Tuesday 4 May-feria

Wednesday 5 May-feria

2pm Telephone Church

7pm Zoom/Telephone Holy Communion

Thursday 6 May-feria

Friday 7 May-feria

Saturday 8 May-comm- Julian of Norwich, c.1417

Next Sunday—**Easter 6**

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

6pm Evensong on Zoom/Telephone

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

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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 Reu-
ben. Thank you. Lisa's last Sunday as our SEI Ordinand is 31
May. She will then return to the Renfrewshire Region in Sep-
tember after her Ordination as a Deacon and we shall see
her during her 3year curacy as she is on placement with us.

Intercessions

The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: Liz Fairns, Els-
beth Carberry, 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 Sout-
er, Graham Taylor, Laurie Henderson, Stephen Hazlett

The Departed: none

We pray for each other in the elections this week—may we vote wisely
We pray for our international leaders as they provide help and support
for India at this time of crisis and disaster for the people struggling to
care for their loved ones.

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
live online at**

<http://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>

The Daily Offices of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer
are for the entire Church. Would you like to lead
Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer from your laptop/
computer? Let Reuben know if you would like to have
a go.

Congratulations to

Andy & Audrey Doig who celebrated
their 25th
Wedding An-
niversary this
week gone
by. Today at
St Johns they
renew their



Wedding vows.

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Sponsorship: in memory of Lilia (1 May)

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