

Collect

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 1.1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This,' he said, 'is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 47

Response: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy. 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth. **R** 3 He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet. 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. **R** 5 God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn. 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises. **R** 7 For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill. 8 God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne. **R** 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham. 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 1.15-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him

from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Gospel Luke 24.44-53

Hear the gospel our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus said to the disciples,

'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them,

'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

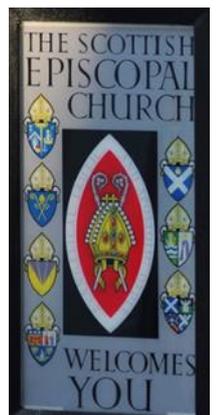
Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING

Christ our king make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. 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 pewsheet 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

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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Twitter: [@JohnsJohnstone](https://twitter.com/JohnsJohnstone)

Zoom/Telephone is Tel: **01314601196** Meeting ID: **832 4184 0407**

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



Worship today Ascensiontide

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 win-
dow as we pray for the
Nation using the prayer
on the Intercessions

leaflet each week



Monday 17 May-feria

Tuesday 18 May-feria

Wednesday 19 May-feria

2pm Telephone Church

7pm Zoom/Telephone Communion Service

Thursday 20 May-feria

Friday 21 May-comm-Helena, c.330

Saturday 22 May-feria

Next Sunday—**Pentecost**

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

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

6pm our last Evensong on Zoom/Telephone



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

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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 our Diocesan Council members and those Charges in vacancy at this time

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)

Intercessions

The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: Liz Fairns, Elsbeth 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 Souter, Graham Taylor, Laurie Henderson, Stephen Hazlett, Paula Burlett, Janet McMillan

The Departed: none

We pray for those who were elected to public office this week
We pray for our international leaders as they support nations in crisis across the globe.

Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet

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, we are trying to produce a fool-proof instruction sheet!

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

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