

Pentecost 18 SEC week of Pr 26 RCL Pr 21 YrB Season of Creation Sunday 26 September 2021

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Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING **Esther 7.1–6, 9–10; 9.20–22**

A reading from the book of Esther.

1 The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. 2 On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' 3 Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me – that is my petition – and the lives of my people – that is my request. 4 For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' 5 Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who presumed to do this?' 6 Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen. 9 Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' 10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. 20 Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, 21 enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, 22 as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 124**

Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord

1 If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say; 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us; 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger towards us; **R** 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us; 5 Then would the raging waters have gone right over us. 6 Blessed be the Lord! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth. **R** 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken and we have escaped. 8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

SECOND READING **James 5.13–20**

A reading from the letter of James.

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins

will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. 17 Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. 19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, 20 you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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Gospel **Mark 9.38–50**

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

After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, 38 John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' 39 But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. 40 Whoever is not against us is for us. 41 For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 42 If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, 48 where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 49 For everyone will be salted with fire. 50 Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

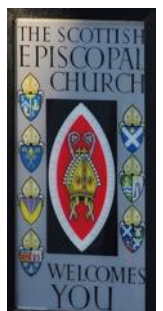
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

God give you grace to be faithful stewards of Creation, rejoicing that you are made in God's image, and seeking justice for those who do not share in the earth's bounty, 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

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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 Pentecost 19

0945am Sung Eucharist [St Johns](#)

1130am Sung Eucharist [St Margarets](#)

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 27 September-comm-Vincent de Paul, Priest,

Tuesday 28 September-feria

Wednesday 29 September-**festival-Michael and All Angels**

2pm Holy Communion at [St Johns](#) and on telephone

7pm Holy Communion at [St Margarets](#) and on zoom

Thursday 30 September-comm-Jerome, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 420

Friday 1 October-comm-Gregory the Enlightener, Bishop, 'Apostle of Armenia', c.332

Saturday 2 October-feria

Next Sunday—Pentecost 20

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Newsletter

The October Newsletter is in Church—please take copies for people you know cannot come to get one.

Dates for the Diary

AGM St Johns

Sun 7 November

AGM St Margarets

Sun 14 November

ANNUAL MEETING



To ask about arrangements

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, Lisa in Oxford, Carol, Joanna, Barbara Clark, Moira Bruce, Jean Souter, Neil Barclay, Paul Bothwell, Veronica Whitelock, Daniel Preston, David Preston, Martin Santon, Laurence Mechen

The Departed: none

We pray for people looking for work

We pray for Andrea as she becomes Vicar of the Transfiguration Bedford

Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet



Weekly downloads the PEWSHEET, the INTERCESSION SHEET, the GOSPEL REFLECTION from

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

The Daily Offices can be followed on the provincial website at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>

This afternoon

Sunday 26 September 5pm

Lisa is Ordained Deacon

&

Reuben is installed as Dean at St Mary's Cathedral, 300 Great Western Road Glasgow, G4 9JB United Kingdom

Please book your seat www.thecathedral.org.uk



This is a great day for Lisa and Renfrewshire Region as Lisa begins ordained life as the Regional Curate. Come and support Lisa & Reuben.

Lisa will be welcomed at the Churches of the Region over the coming months.

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