

Collect

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING Genesis 45.3–11, 15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

3 Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. 7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 37.1–12, 41–42

Response: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in him.

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches. **R** 4 Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire. 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass. 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday. **R** 7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes. 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. **R** 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there. 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. **R** 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. 42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15.35–38,42–50

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' 36 Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. 42 So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.

43 It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. 50 What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Luke 6.27–38

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 27 'I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 37 Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that, strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: 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 streamed live this week

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 20 February **Epiphany 7**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

Monday 21 February-feria

Tuesday 22 February -feria

Wednesday 23 February -comm- Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop and Martyr, c.156

St Johns 2pm Holy Communion—on Zoom/telephone

St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion—on Zoom

Thursday 24 February-feria

Friday 25 February-feria

Saturday 26 February -feria

Next Sunday 27 February **Sunday before Lent**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

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, May Burton, Joan Harrison, Isobel Reid, Adrian Bull, Isobel Trail, Ellen Jones, Isabel Cummings, Lisa in Oxford, Carol, Joanna, Moira Bruce, Jean Souter, Neil Barclay, Paul Bothwell, Veronica Whitelock, Daniel Preston, Martin Santon, Jeanette Farquhar, Margaret Keys, Lyle McDermott, Gary Flemming

The Departed: none

We pray for the St Johns renovation works preparations

We pray for the opening preparations of the new Diocesan Offices

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/>

Morning Prayer on zoom 9-920am Mon to Fri

World Day of Prayer

7pm Service

at Elderslie CoS Church

Friday 4 March 2022

in person



PALM CROSSES



please bring your palm crosses from last year to church to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday—next Sunday is the last day to bring them in—**THANK YOU**



Join in our Lent Course "Faith Pictures" beginning

3pm Wed 9 March at St Johns &

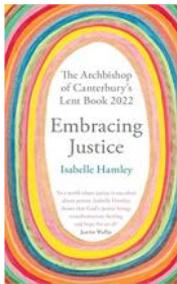
745pm Wed 9 March at St Margarets



Please put your name on the Lists in Church to give an indication of the amount of materials we need to get ready.

More details at <https://churcharmy.org/resources/faith-pictures/>

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

March NEWSLETTER is in the post now—look out for yours arriving

To ask about arrangements for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms/Christenings, Confessions, House Blessings etc. please contact the Rector

Sponsorship: in prayer for Bishop Kevin as he visits the Galloway Region over the coming days

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