

Collect

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING Isaiah 55.1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
The LORD says this:

1 Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 63.1–8

Response: My soul thirsts for you, O my God.

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water;
2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory. **R**
3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
4 So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name. **R**
5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
6 When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches. **R**
7 For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10.1–13

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

1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God

was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. 6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Luke 13.1–9

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

1 There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' 6 Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" 8 He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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 pewsheets home to pass on to neighbours and friends.





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

Facebook: [@stmargaretsrenfrew.org.uk](https://www.facebook.com/stmargaretsrenfrew.org.uk) [@StJohnsJohnstoneNew2022](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsJohnstoneNew2022)

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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 March **LENT 3**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

Monday 21 March—comm-Thomas Cranmer, Bishop, 1556

Tuesday 22 March—comm-Thomas Ken, Bishop, 1711

Wednesday 23 March—comm—Cuthbert, Bishop, 687(translated from 20 March)

St Johns 2pm Holy Communion—zoom/telephone church today

3pm Lent Course at St Johns "Faith Pictures"

St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion—zoom service today

745pm Lent Course at St Margarets "Faith Pictures" led by Tosh

Thursday 24 March—comm-Paul Couturier, Priest, 1953

Friday 25 March—**festival-The Annunciation of the Lord**

8pm COMPLINE on the telephone

Saturday 26 March—*feria*

Next Sunday 27 March **LENT 4**

Mothering Sunday with flowers for all

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

Join in our Lent Course

"Faith Pictures" this week

3pm Wednesdays at St Johns &

745pm Wednesdays at St Margarets

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

Helping Christians of all traditions talk about their own story of faith with confidence.



Bishop's Lent Appeal retiring collection is for **"Children in Crisis"**

SEC Provincial appeal is for Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

Collection plates will be out at all services to Easter



Intercessions

The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: Liz Fairns, Elsbeth Carberry, Pauline Campbell, Jenna McKernan, Audrey Callaghan, Adam Semple, May Burton, Joan Harrison, Isobel Reid, Adrian Bull, Isobel Trail, Ellen Jones, Isobel 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 Scotland as we welcome Ukrainian Refugees

We pray for International Leaders as they work for peace in Ukrain

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



COMPLINE in Lent 8pm on Fridays

On the telephone using the Zoom details at the top of this sheet. A wonderful opportunity to lay the week which is ending into the hands of God as we look to the weekend and our worship on Sundays. In Lent we shall hear the reading for the day and hear a brief reflection

Pastoral Support this week: please call Wilma 07714 525726 or John Mitchell 07798 662711



Love. Grow. Serve.

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Sponsorship: in prayer for those living with long COVID

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