

Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING Joshua 5.9–12

A reading from the book of Joshua.

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, 9 The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. 10 While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. 11 On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 12 The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 32

Response: You, O Lord, are my hiding-place,

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! **R** 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **R** 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord'; then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. **R** 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R** 9 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.' **R** 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.16–21

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

16 From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Luke 15.1–3, 11b–32

Hear the gospel our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to Christ our Saviour

1 All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' 3 So he told them this parable: 11 'There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."'" 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." 22 But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 25 Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" 31 Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through 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 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 27 March **LENT 4**

Mothing Sunday with flowers for all
0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist
1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist



Monday 28 March—comm-Patrick Forbes, Bishop, 1635, and the Aberdeen Doctors, Teachers of the Faith

Tuesday 29 March—comm-John Keble, Priest, 1866

Wednesday 30 March—feria

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 31 March—feria

Friday 1 April—comm-Gilbert of Caithness, Bishop, 1245

Saturday 2 April—feria

10am-1pm Diocesan Lent Quiet Morning

"Journey to the Cross" with Bp Kevin & Dean Reuben

Rev Les Ireland 0141 776 3866 email Les949@btinternet.com

Next Sunday 27 March **Lent 5-**

Passiontide begins

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



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, Martin Santon, Jeanette Farquhar, Margaret Keys, Lyle McDerrmott, Gary Flemming, Emily Parker

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



St Margarets— Easter Flowers in memory of folk—please add names to the list at the back of church.

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

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

Sponsorship: in prayer for the Ukraine refugee schemes being set up here in the UK

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)