

Collect

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING Isaiah 43.16–21

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 126

Response: The Lord has done great things for us

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. **R**
3 Then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' 4 The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. **R**

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. 6 Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 3.4b–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.
4 If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, 9 not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do

not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel John 12.1–8

Hear the gospel our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to Christ our Saviour

1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

7 Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

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

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

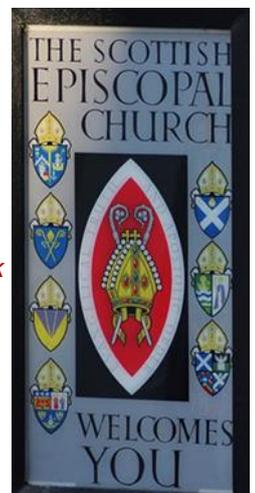
BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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.

You can also download the Gospel Reflection and the Weekly Intercessions





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)

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 3 April **Lent 5**-Passiontide begins

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

Monday 4 April-feria

Tuesday 5 April -feria

Wednesday 6 April-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 7 April-feria

Friday 8 April-feria

Saturday 2 April-comm-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Theologian and Martyr, 1945

Next Sunday 10 April **Palm Sunday**

0945am St Johns Procession & Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Procession & Sung Eucharist



Palm Sunday



PLANTS FOR SALE

Tomato - Roma, Ailsa Craig, Money-maker, Marmand - 80p each

Shirley, Sweetheart - £1 each

Courgette - £1.20

Please order and collect from Eric Parker 01505 345 292 Fairfield, 12 Haggs Crescent



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



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 (anonymous)

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, 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, Emily Parker, Jim Henderson

The Departed: none

We pray for Scotland as we welcome Ukrainian Refugees

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

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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