

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING Acts 5.27–32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

27 When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 28 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118.14–29

Response: This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: 16 'The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!' **R** 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. **R** 20 'This is the gate of the Lord; whoever is righteous may enter.' 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. 22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone. 23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. **R** 24 On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success. 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. **R** 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. 28 'You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you.' 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. **R**

SECOND READING Revelation 1.4–8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of

the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 8 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel John 20.19–31

Glory to Christ our saviour
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

19 It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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

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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 24 April **2nd Sunday of Easter**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

Monday 25 April-festival-Mark, Evangelist

renovation works begin at St Johns for at least 12 weeks—services to continue as announced

Tuesday 26 April—comm-Albert Ernest Laurie, Priest, 1937

Wednesday 27 April—feria

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

St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion—and on zoom

Thursday 28 April-feria

Friday 29 April-comm-Catherine of Siena, Mystic and Teacher of the Faith, 1380

Saturday 30 April-feria

Next Sunday 1 May **3rd Sunday of Easter**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

PLANTS FOR SALE

Tomato - Roma, Ailsa Craig, Moneymaker,
Marmand - 80p each Shirley, Sweetheart - £1 each
Courgette - £1.20

Please order & collect from Eric Parker
01505 345 292 "Fairfield", 12 Hags Crescent

Thank you to those who cleaned and decorated the churches for our celebrations this week, and for those who have arranged flowers.



Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

St Johns key-holders hand your keys in to Gill TODAY ready for the start of the works



To ask about arrangements for Wed-

dings, Funerals, Baptisms/Christenings, Confessions, House Blessings etc. please con-

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, Isabel Cummings, Carol, Joanna, Moira Bruce, Jean Souter, Neil Barclay, Paul Bothwell, Veronica Whitelock, Martin Santon, Jeanette Farquhar, Margaret Keys, Lyle McDermott, Emily Parker, Jim Henderson, David Peden

The Departed: none

We pray for Scotland as we welcome Ukrainian Refugees to make a home

We pray for the world Aid Agencies supporting victims of disaster

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/>

9am-920am Morning Prayer on zoom this week

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

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Sponsorship: in prayer for those doing the Kilt Walk in support for the Accord Hospice

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