

Collect

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING Acts 9.36–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

36 In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' 39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING Revelation 7.9–17

A reading from the book of Revelation.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12 singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and

made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel John 10.22–30

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

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' 25 Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

BLESSING

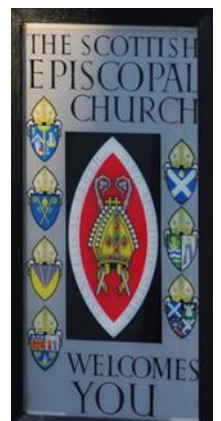
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the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

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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**

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Worship today 8 May **4th Sunday of Easter**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

Monday 9 May—comm—*Julian of Norwich, c.1417 (translated from 8 May)*

Tuesday 10 May—**feria**

Wednesday 11 May—**feria**

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

St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion—and on zoom

745pm St Margarets Vestry meeting in the hall

Thursday 12 May—comm—Thomas Rattray, Bishop, 1743

Friday 13 May—**feria**

10am St Johns Vestry meeting at Church

Saturday 14 May—**festival—Matthias, Apostle**

Next Sunday 15 May **5th Sunday of Easter**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

TOMBOLA prizes needed for St Margarets stall on 5 June. Please leave prizes at the back of St Margarets.



ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 26 May

Regional Service Eucharist at St Bartholemehws, Gourrock

7pm followed by

Bring 'n' Share supper

Preacher Cn Audrey—Canon Missioner

Our last opportunity to pray with the people of St Bartholemehws before its closure on 2 July

It is with much frustration we announce that the St Johns renovation work has been delayed to Pentecost because the Contractor is unable to climb scaffolding after his injury in January—we continue to pray for his recovery, and we pray for the successful and safe completion of the renovation works.



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, Alun Reese, Sam Aaron

The Departed: Elsie Anderson, Ted Luscombe

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/>

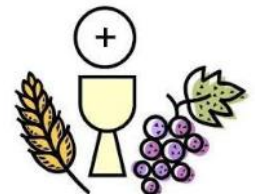
9am-920am Morning Prayer on zoom this week

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



Up coming Vestry meetings
St Margarets
745pm Wed 11 May
&
St Johns
Friday 13 May 10am

At the meetings we shall be deciding if we are ready to introduce the chalice again for everyone again at our worship.



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