

Collect

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING Acts 11.1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

1 The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3 saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." 8 But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 148

Response: Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

1 Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. **R** 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created. 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R** 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; **R** 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together. 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. **R** 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia!

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SECOND READING Revelation 21.1-6

A reading from the book of Revelation.

1 I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' 6 Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel John 13.31-35

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

31 During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.





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 15 May **5th Sunday of Easter**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

Monday 16 May—feria

Tuesday 17 May—feria

Wednesday 18 May—feria

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

St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion—and on zoom

Thursday 19 May—feria

12noon **THY KINGDOM COME** presentation and interview led by Dean Reuben with Rev Jean Kerr

7pm repeat of the midday interview and discussion with Cn Audrey

Friday 20 May—feria

Saturday 21 May—comm- Helena, c.330

2pm Funeral of Late Elsie Anderson followed by burial Arkleston Cemetery please come along and support Elsie's sons as they lay their mum to rest

Next Sunday 22 May **6th 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 Bartholemew's, Gourrock

7pm followed by Bring 'n' Share supper

Preacher Cn Audrey—Canon Missioner

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

Saturday 28 May Thy Kingdom Come 10am to 4pm

A day to explore different kinds of prayer and try out new resources from the **Thy Kingdom Come global** prayer movement is being held at Holy Trinity and St Barnabus Paisley on **Saturday 28 May, 10am- 4pm** organised for the Renfrewshire Region of the SEC and ecumenical partners by the Craighead Institute. The event is free but booking is required: <https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/thy-kingdom-come-refreshed-in-prayer-renewed-in-hope-tickets-337067527047>

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

Chalice returns to our worship

From today the chalice will be offered in our worship **to all who want to receive.** This is optional—please stay at the communion rail to receive the wine or get up and go if you don't want to receive the wine. It is your choice.



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

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Sponsorship: in prayer for Bishop Kevin as he returns to the diocese after his leave

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