

## Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## **FIRST READING Acts 16.9–15**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' 10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. 11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13 On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

*For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD*

## **Responsorial Psalm Psalm 67**

**Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.**

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. **R**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **R**

## **SECOND READING Revelation 21.10, 22 – 22.5**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

10 In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. 22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. 26 People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those

who are written in the Lamb's book of life. 1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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## **Gospel John 5.1–9**

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

1 After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Bethesda, which has five porticoes. 3 In these lay many invalids – blind, lame, and paralysed. 5 One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' 7 The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' 8 Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' 9 At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel*

*Praise to Christ our Lord*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

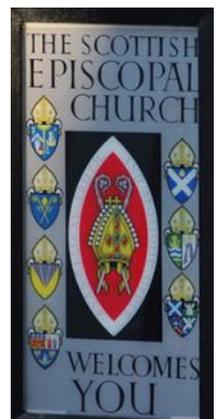
## **BLESSING**

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.*

*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**

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Zoom/Telephone is Tel: **01314601196** Meeting ID: **832 4184 0407**

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## **Worship today** 22 May **6th Sunday of Easter**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

**Monday 23 May**—comm-William of Perth (or Rochester), Martyr, 1201 (Rogation Day)

**Tuesday 24 May**—**feria**

**Wednesday 25 May**—comm-Bede the Venerable, of Jarrow, Teacher of the Faith, 735 (Rogation Day)

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

**St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion**—and on zoom

**Thursday 26 May**—**festival-ASCENSION DAY**

**7pm Regional Ascension Day Eucharist** at St Bartholemews Gourock, Barrhill Rd, Gourock PA19 1JX followed by bring 'n share refreshments

See **Thy Kingdom Come** videos and prayer resources each day at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

**Friday 27 May**—comm-Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, c.604 (translated from 26 May)

**Saturday 28 May**—**feria**

10am to 4pm Regional Thy Kingdom Come Day Exploring Prayer at Holy Trinity & St Barnabas Paisley

## Next Sunday 29 May **7th 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.

## **Saturday 28 May**

### **Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Day 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>



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

**Sponsorship: in prayer for the Thy Kingdom Come season beginning on Thursday**

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, Isabel Cummings, Carol, Joanna, Moira Bruce, 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:** Jean Souter

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](http://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

## **ASCENSION DAY**

**Thursday 26 May**  
**Regional Eucharist**  
**at St Bartholemew's, Gourock**  
**7pm followed by**  
**Bring 'n' Share supper**  
**Preacher Cn Audrey—Canon Missioner and Transitional Minister of Heartlands**

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

*St Johns Keys are being collected in by Gill again as we look to the start of the building works soon....*



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