

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

FIRST READING Genesis 18.20–32

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre 20 and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! 21 I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' 22 So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' 26 And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' 27 Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' 29 Again Abraham spoke to the LORD, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' 30 Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' 31 Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' 32 Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 138

Response: When I called, you answered me, O Lord.

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; 3 For you have glorified your name and your word above all things. **R**

4 When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth. 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar. **R**

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 2.6–15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters, 6 as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to

human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, 14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Gospel Luke 11.1–13

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

1 Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' 2 He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' 5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." 7 And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 9 So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

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

God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**



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 1130 Service is 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 July **Pentecost 7**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist—The Rector

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—The Rector

Monday 25 July —festival- **James, Apostle**

Tuesday 26 July —comm-Anne and Joachim, Parents of Mary, Mother of the Lord

Wednesday 27 July—comm-John Comper, Priest, 1903

St Johns 2pm Holy Communion

St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion

Thursday 21 July—feria

Friday 22 July—comm-Martha and Mary of Bethany

Saturday 23 July—comm-Silas, Companion of Saint Paul

Next Sunday 31 July **Pentecost 8**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist—The Rector

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—The Rector

St Johns Building works continue

St Johns building works continue for 12 weeks—we pray for the safe and successful completion of the works and the renewal of life at St Johns in the months to come.

We pray for the safe and successful completion of the work—Lord hear us.



Date for the Diary

Lisa will be Ordained Priest on Saturday 27 August at 11am in St Mary's Cathedral—please come

along and support her on this important day.

Lisa will be Celebrating the Eucharist for the First time on Sunday 28 August at 4pm(tbc) at Holy Trinity Paisley



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, Alun Reese, Sam Aaron, Andrew Mitchell, Kenny Murdock, Brenda McKinstry, Alan McKinstry

The Departed: none

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 Mon-Fri 9am for 20mins

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

St John's Gardening days

These are the days we have selected to spend an hour in our garden this year.

Sat 13 Aug 1030-1130

Sat 3 Sept 1030-1130

Sat 1 Oct 1030-1130



THE RETURN of St Margaret's Quiz Night Friday 9 Sept 7pm

August Rota—out at the back of church today

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

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

Sponsorship: in prayer for the Bishops of the Anglican Communion as they meet in Canterbury this week

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