

Advent Sunday

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Sunday 3 December 2023

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 64.1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. 5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. 8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Responsorial PSALM Psalm 80.1–7, 16–18

Response: Restore us, O God of hosts; Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. **R** 4 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? **R** 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R** 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. 17 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.3–9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

My brothers and sisters: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also

strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

GOSPEL Mark 13.24–37

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Jesus said to his disciples:

24 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28 From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

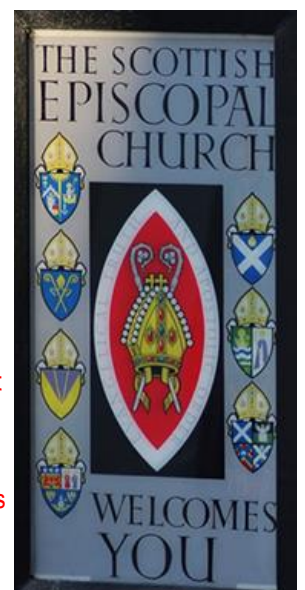
BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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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

All Sunday services are being streamed live this week

we are online at www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

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Worship today—3 Dec **Advent Sunday**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

Music at St Johns: LITANY—343—(LP 546)—66—188

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector & Rev Godfred

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4pm St Johns Opening Event of the Christmas Tree Festival with players from the Salvation Army in Paisley

Monday 4 December—comm- *Clement of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, c.214*

Tuesday 5 December—comm-Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary, 1552 (translated from 3 December)

Wednesday 6 December—comm- Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, 4th century

12noon Dean Reuben giving the Christmas Message at the Glasgow City Chambers Christmas lunches

St Johns Christmas Tree Festival Open 12noon-3pm

St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist —Curate

St Margarets 7pm Said Eucharist—Rev Robert

Thursday 7 December—comm-Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 397

Friday 8 December—comm-The Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord

Saturday 9 December—feria

Next Sunday **10 December Advent 2**

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Forthcoming dates:-

St Margarets Ecumenical Carol Service 7pm Friday 15 December—bring your neighbours, friends and family

St Johns Christmas Tree Festival Prize-Giving 4pm Sunday 17 December—music to be determined

Sponsor the Christmas Lights—£5 a day—give/send your money and message to the Rector



NB:- The Christmas Eve service at St Margarets will be at 8pm and not 1130pm this year

Intercessions

The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: Eleanor Hart, David Fowles, Liz Fairns, Pauline Campbell, Audrey Callaghan, Adam Semple, May Burton, Adrian Bull, Isobel Trail, Isabel Cummings, Moira Bruce, Neil Barclay, Veronica Whitelock, Jeanette Farquhar, Margaret Keys, Emily Parker, Sam Aaron, Andrew Mitchell, Raymond Bruce, Olly Mitchell, Joe Smith, Nan Grimstead, Eric Parker, Brian Angus, Geraldine Revie, Brenda Sproule, Hugh Smith, Donna Skalley

The Departed: Kenny Murdoch (funeral 11am Tues 12 Dec)

Cycle of 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 Morning Prayer on zoom this week

Pastoral Assistants Support every week: please call Wilma 07714 525726, Rev Lisa Curtice 07802 888423 or Rev Robert Chambers 07968 279351 Rev Godfred 07466 608715

St Johns Christmas Tree Festival—please see the website for details of how to join in and how to visit and share in the celebrations. St Johns is collecting for St Vincents Hospice. See www.stvincentshospice.org to find out more about their work and caring

St Margarets is collecting for CRISIS during Advent and Christmas. The Christmas nativity scene lights will go up for Advent Sunday. Sponsorship forms will be in church and on the website next week. See www.crisis.org.uk to learn about their work and the way they help people.

Vestry meetings: St Johns 630pm Tues 19 Dec, St Margarets 745pm Wed 13 Dec
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Items for inclusion should be sent to
Rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

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

Sponsorship: we pray for the work of CRISIS as they look after homeless people this Christmas time

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