

COLLECT

God of patience and humility, in your love you gave your Son to be rejected and raised up on a cross. Gather us under its shadow and open our eyes to its mystery, that we may share even now in the life that is from above; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 17.1–7, 15–16

A reading from the book of Genesis.

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' 3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.' 15 God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22.22–30

Response: All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them. **R**

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: 'May your heart live for ever!' **R**

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. **R**

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 4.13–25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

13 The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on

grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.'

19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' 23 Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

GOSPEL Mark 8.31–38

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

31 Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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

All Sunday services are being streamed live this week

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Passcode: 076546 or use the link on the newsletter or website



Worship today—25 February Lent 2

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

Music at St Johns: 104—303—(LP 546)—379—695

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rev Robert

Music at St Margarets: 195—104—(LP 546)—303—695

Monday 26 February—feria

Tuesday 27 February—feria

730pm Regional Lent Course on zoom ALL of LIFE

Wednesday 28 February—feria

St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist—Curate

St Margarets 7pm Sung Eucharist—Rev Robert

Thursday 29 February—feria

130pm St Margarets Funeral of Late Doreen Ward

Friday 1 March—comm—David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, c.601

(Ordination of the Rt Revd Anne Dyer as Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, 2018)

7pm Stations of the Cross for Lent hosted at St Margarets

Saturday 2 March—comm—Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672

Diocesan Synod 10am onwards at Holy Trinity Kilmarnoch

Next Sunday 3 March Lent 3

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate & Rector

Music at St Johns: 343—476—(LP 546)—161—511

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 343—476—(LP 546)—161—511

Dates for the coming months:-

Mothering Sunday 10 March

Palm Sunday 24 March

Maundy Thursday 28 March 730pm Last Supper Eucharist and feet washing and Vigil in St Margarets until 10pm

Good Friday 29 March Ecumenical walks to be announced
2pm St Johns "An hour at the Cross"

Easter Day 31 March



2024 Confirmations at St Margarets

1130am Sunday 26 May with Bp Kevin—please see Vanessa for details of the preparation sessions for children and adults.

Doreen's Funeral is on Thursday at 130pm at St Margarets

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

Intercessions The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: 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, Emily Parker, Sam Aaron, Andrew Mitchell, Raymond Bruce, Olly Mitchell, Joe Smith, Nan Grimstead, Eric Parker, Brian Angus, Geraldine Revie, Brenda Sproule, Donna Skalley, Kay Cherrie, Ruby Robertson, Judith Thorley, Bishop Kevin, Anna Gatherer, Brenda McEwan, May Robertson, Helen Robertson, Margaret Fry
The Departed: Doreen Ward
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/>



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Zoom Morning Prayer 9am for 20mins

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

Gardening Hour at St Johns Sat 9 March, Sat 13 April, Sat 11 May, Sat 8 June, Sat 13 July, Sat 10 August, Sat 14 September, Sat 12 October & Sat 9 November



Stations of the Cross for Lent is at 7pm hosted at St Margarets. We follow the last journey of Christ with his cross and reflect upon its meaning for today. 30-40mins

Lent Study Group continues on Tuesday at 730pm on zoom, come along and invite others too.

Using the zoom details above.



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Sponsorship: we pray for the Diocesan Synod meeting on Saturday at Kilmarnoch

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