

Lent 4—Mothering Sunday

Sunday 10 March 2024

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COLLECT

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Numbers 21.4–9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

4 The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' 6 Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' 9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 107.1–3, 17–22

Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever. **R**

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe. 3 He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **R**

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins. 18 They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door. 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **R**

20 He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave. 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children. 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 2.1–10

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

1 You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 3 All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – 9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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GOSPEL John 3.14–21

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

14 'Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

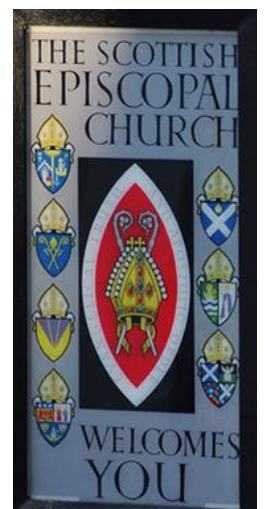
BLESSING

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**

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The Scottish Episcopal Church United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway
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Worship today—10 March Lent 4—Mothering Sunday

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Johns: 25—29—(LP 546)—51—605

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 25—29—(LP 546)—72—605

Monday 11 March—comm-Kessog, Bishop, c.700 [6] Red
(translated from 10 March)

Tuesday 12 March—feria

730pm Regional Lent Course on zoom ALL of LIFE

Wednesday 13 March—feria

St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist—Rector

St Margarets 7pm Sung Eucharist—Rector

Thursday 14 March—feria

Friday 15 March—feria

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

Saturday 16 March—comm- Boniface of Ross, Bishop, 8th century

**St Margarets Away Day 1030-3pm at the Diocesan Centre
49 Cochrane Street—lunch provided**

Next Sunday 17 March Lent 5

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

Music at St Johns: 169—428—(LP 546)—584—636

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 677—169—(LP 546)—851—428

Dates for the coming months:-

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.



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, Craig Armstrong, Isobel Reed
The Departed: none

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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 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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