

Lent 5 —Passiontide begins

Sunday 17 March 2024

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COLLECT

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31.31–34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 51.1–12

Response: A clean heart create in me, O God.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offences. 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. 5 And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement. **R**

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb. 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly. **R**

8 Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure; wash me and I shall be clean indeed. 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. **R**

10 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 12 Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5.5–10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

5 Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; 6 as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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GOSPEL John 12.20–33

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to Christ our Saviour

20 Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'

22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 27 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.'

Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' 29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' 30 Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

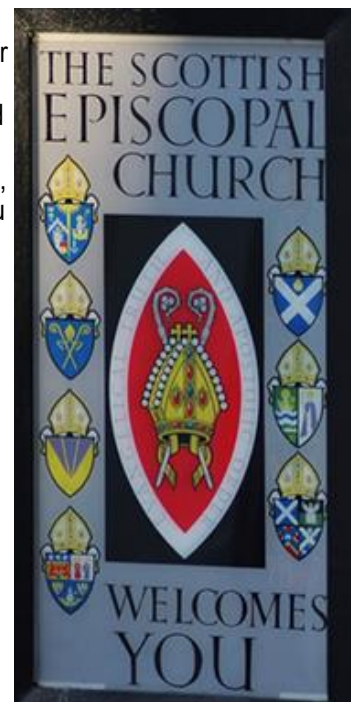
BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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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Worship today—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

Monday 18 March—comm-Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, c.461 (translated from 17 March)

Tuesday 19 March—Festival-Joseph of Nazareth

730pm Regional Lent Course on zoom ALL of LIFE

Wednesday 20 March—comm- Cuthbert, Bishop, 687

St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist—Curate

St Johns 630pm-8pm Vestry meeting

St Margarets 7pm Sung Eucharist—tbc

Thursday 21 March—comm- Thomas Cranmer, Bishop, 1556

Friday 22 March—comm-Thomas Ken, Bishop, 1711

7pm Stations of the Cross for Lent

hosted at St Margarets

Saturday 23 March—comm- Cyril of

Jerusalem, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 386 (translated from 18 March)

Next Sunday 24 March

Palm Sunday

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

Music at St Johns: 14 & 583—676—(LP 546)—336—97

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist starting in the hall—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 14 & 583—676—(LP546)—336—762

Songs of Praise for Christian Aid at the North Parish 6pm

Dates for the coming months:-

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.

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, 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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