

Collect of the Day

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 10.34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

34 Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118.1–2, 14–24

Response: This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. 2 Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.' **R** 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: 16 'The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!' **R** 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. **R** 20 'This is the gate of the Lord; whoever is righteous may enter.' 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. 22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone. **R** 23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. 24 On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15.1–11

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

1 I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. 3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be

called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL John 20.1–18

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

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know here they have laid him.' 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' 16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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

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Worship today—31 March

Easter Day

0600 Lighting of the Paschal Candles, Vigil, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and First Eucharist of Easter

0945 St Johns Easter Day Eucharist—Curate

Music at St Johns:

672—433—(LP 546)—374—475

1130am St Margarets Easter Day Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 676—433—60—672

Easter Monday 1 April

Easter Tuesday 2 April

Easter Wednesday 3 April

St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist—Rector

St Margarets 7pm Sung Eucharist—Rector

Easter Thursday 4 April

Easter Friday 5 April

Holy Saturday 6 April—church buildings silent

Next Sunday 7 April Easter 2

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

Music at St Johns: 137—534—(LP 546)—590—573

1130am St Margarets Baptism & Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 573—534—590—137



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, Debbie Davidson
The Departed: none



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/>

NO Zoom Morning Prayer this week

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

Confirmation Preparations

4pm-530pm each Saturday in May in St Margarets Hall.

Confirmation Service Sunday 26 May at St Margarets



Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the church buildings throughout Holy Week and Easter this year.

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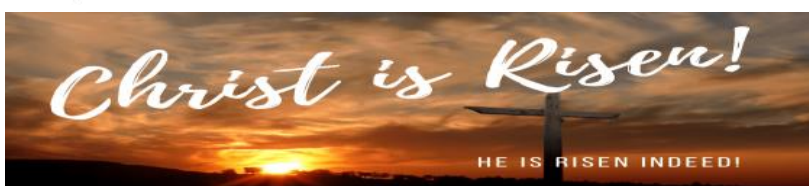
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Items for inclusion should be sent to Rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

On Sunday 7 April we celebrate the baptism of baby David, at St Margarets and pray for him as he starts his Christian life supported by his parents and God parents and the life of St Margarets.



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

Sponsorship: we pray for peace in the Holy Land

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