

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 7 April 2024

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Collect of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 4.32–35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

32 The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 133

Response: How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.

1 O how good and pleasant it is,
when a family lives together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe. R

4 It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore. R

SECOND READING 1 John 1.1 – 2.2

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – 2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – 3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD*

GOSPEL John 20.19–31

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

19 It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

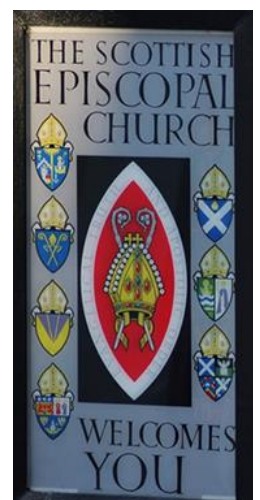
Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

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**

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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

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Worship today—7 April Easter 2

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

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

1130am St Margarets Baptism

& Eucharist—Rector

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

We baptise baby

Tobechukwu **David** Okonkwo

Parents: Chibuzo & Chinaza

Godparents: Ekene, Oritsetimeyin & Chioma



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

Monday 8 April—festival—The Annunciation of the Lord

(trans)

Tuesday 9 April—comm—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Theologian and Martyr, 1945

Wednesday 10 April—comm—William Law, Priest, 1761

St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist—Rector

St Margarets 7pm Sung Eucharist—Rector

745pm St Margarets Vestry

Thursday 11 April—comm—George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop and Missionary, 1878

Friday 12 April—comm—William Forbes, Bishop, 1634

Saturday 13 April—feria

1030-1130 Gardening Hour at St Johns

Next Sunday 14 April Easter 3

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

Music at St Johns: 205—695—(LP 546)—437—131

1130am St Margarets Baptism & Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 205—695—437—131

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

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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



Welcome into the family of the Church baby David. We pray for you as you grow in faith and holiness.

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Sponsorship: we pray for baby Tobechukwu David Okonkwo baptised today

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