

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21 April 2024

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Collect of the Day

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 4.5–12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

5 The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. 11 This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." 12 There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. R

3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. R

SECOND READING 1 John 3.16–24

A reading from the first letter of John.

16 We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? 18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. 23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL John 10.11–18

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

11 'I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd

and does not own the sheep,

sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

13 The hired hand runs away

because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me,

15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

And I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

17 For this reason the Father loves me,

because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

18 No one takes it from me,

but I lay it down of my own accord.

I have power to lay it down,

and I have power to take it up again.

I have received this command from my Father.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

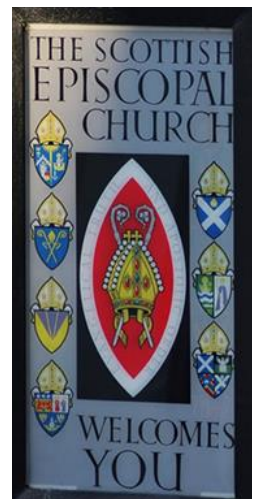
God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

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 notices for the week are on the reverse of this sheet—take this pewsheet home to pass on to neighbours and friends.

This sheet is also on our website—let others know how to find it to follow week by week.





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Worship today—21 April Easter 4

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate & Rector

Music at St Johns: 13—649—(LP 546)—161—16

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist— Rector

Music at St Margarets: 13—Alleluias-596—540—562

Monday 22 April--comm-Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 1109 (translated from 21 April)

Tuesday 23 April-comm-George, Patron of England, Martyr, c.303

Wednesday 24 April-feria

St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist—Curate

St Margarets 7pm Sung Eucharist—Rev Robert

Thursday 25 April-festival- Mark, Evangelist

Friday 26 April-comm- Albert Ernest Laurie, Priest, 1937

Saturday 27 April-feria

Next Sunday 28 April Easter 5

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Music at St Johns: 282—37—(LP 546)—68—754

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist— Rev Robert

Music at St Margarets: 139—Alleluias-429—487—554

Confirmation Preparations 4pm-530pm each Saturday in May in St Margarets Hall. Confirmation Service Sunday 26 May at St Margarets

So far we have 3 youngsters and 1 adult—if you haven't been confirmed in the Scottish Episcopal Church and would like to please have a word with the Rector.



Please see the special notice at the back of church about changes in the Renfrewshire Region in the coming weeks.



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Please pray for the Rector as he goes on retreat to Holy Cross Abbey. You can even watch their worship online at <http://www.benedictinemonks.co.uk/webcam/> so you might see the Rector!

St Johns Congregational Lunch Sunday 12 May 1230 for 1pm at the Pheonix Park Brewers Fayre—full details to follow at the start of May

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Sponsorship: we pray for the Rector as he goes on retreat to Holy Cross Abbey County Down BT34 3BN

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 28 April 2024

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 8.26–40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

26 An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) 27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' 30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' 31 He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' 34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' 35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' 38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22.24-30

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

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 1 John 4.7–21

A reading from the first letter of John.

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is

love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. 15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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GOSPEL John 15.1–8

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 1 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

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