

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Micah 5.2–5a

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

The LORD says to his people:

2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me

one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time

when she who is in labour has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred

shall return to the people of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and feed his flock

in the strength of the LORD,

in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure,

for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

5 and he shall be the one of peace.

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

Responsorial PSALM Luke 1.46b–55

Response: My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

46 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

47 My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

48 For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

49 The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. **R**

50 He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

51 He has shown the strength of his arm;

he has scattered the proud in their conceit. **R**

52 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and he has lifted up the lowly.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. **R**

54 He has come to the help of his servant, Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

55 The promise he made to our forebears; to Abraham and his children for ever. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 10.5–10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

5 When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; 6 in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. 7 Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book, it is written of me).' 8 When Christ said, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in

sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according to the law),

9 then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.'

He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

10 And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

GOSPEL Luke 1.39–55

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' 46 And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, 48 for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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

All Sunday services are being streamed live this week

we are online at www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

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Zoom/Telephone is Tel:01314601196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407

Passcode: 076546 or use the link on the newsletter or website



Worship today—22 Dec Advent 4

0945 St Johns Litany & Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Johns: Litany—634—(LP 546)—631—759

1130am St Margarets Litany & Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: Litany—634—(LP 546)—442—631

Monday 23 Dec—feria

Tuesday 24 Dec—festival-Christmas Eve

3pm St Johns Crib Service

8pm St Margarets Christmas Eve Eucharist

Wednesday 25 Dec—festival-Christmas Day

1030am St Johns Christmas Day Eucharist & 150th Anniversary of Consecration of St Johns

Thursday 26 Dec—festival-Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Friday 27 Dec—festival-John, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday 28 Dec—festival-The Holy Innocents

Next Sunday 29 Dec Christmas 1

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Johns: 54—221—(LP 546)—729—716

1130am St Margarets Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 54—221—(LP 546)—419—716

Renfrewshire Carers

St Margarets is collecting for the Renfrewshire Carers group. Sponsor the Nativity lights for £5 a day and have your designation put on the website. There will be a retiring collection each service until Epiphany.

There are only a few days left to sponsor take a look at our website

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk for the full list.

There will be retiring collections at

St Margarets for Renfrewshire Carers until

Epiphany celebrations



RENFREWSHIRE CARERS CENTRE

A Lifeline for Carers in Renfrewshire



Weekly downloads the PEWSHEET, the INTERCESSION SHEET, the GOSPEL REFLECTION from

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

Pastoral Assistants Support every week:

please call Wilma 07714 525726 or
Rev Robert Chambers 07968 279351

St John's needs a Treasurer, a Property Convenor and a Vestry member to ensure it reaches its Constitutional requirements

St Margarets: 1 post on the Vestry need filling and this will be by co-option

Holy Communion at home or in hospital—please contact the Rector if you are unable to get to church and would like to receive Holy Communion where you are.

"Building a Future for St Johns" total so far to be announced on Christmas Day as we celebrate St Johns being 150 years old on Christmas Day—we shall mark it at the service at the 1030am



St Johns Christmas Raffle tickets from Olive and the draw will be today during refreshments.

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by 0900 on Wednesdays.

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

Sponsorship: we pray for the people of Moyotte as they try to recover after the cyclone damage to their homes

If you would like to sponsor this sheet please send you £5 donation to the Rector along with details of the sponsorship (even if anonymous)