

# Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 14 April 2024

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## Collect of the Day

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## FIRST READING Acts 3.12–19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

12 Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. 14 But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 17 And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. 19 Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm Psalm 4

**Response: Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. 2 'You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?' R 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me. 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. R 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord. 6 Many are saying, 'O that we might see better times!' Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord. R 7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase. 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. R

## SECOND READING 1 John 3.1–7

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 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 Luke 24.36–48

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

36 While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself.

Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate in their presence. 44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

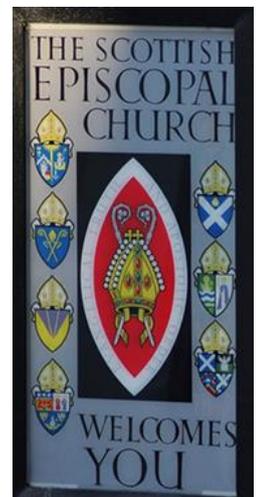
**Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## 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—14 April Easter 3**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

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

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

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

**Monday 15 April**--feria

**Tuesday 16 April**--comm-Magnus of Orkney, Martyr, c.1116

**Wednesday 17 April**--comm-Donnan, Abbot and Companions, Martyrs, c.617

St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist—Curate

St Margarets 7pm Sung Eucharist—Rector

745pm St Margarets Vestry

**Thursday 18 April**--feria

**Friday 19 April**--feria

**Saturday 20 April**--comm-Maelrubha of Applecross, 722

11am St Margarets Memorial Service for late Alex Bruce

## **Next Sunday 21 April Easter 4**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

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

**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.

**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, David Vince

**The Departed:** none

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**Morning Prayer this week 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 11 May, Sat 8 June, Sat 13 July, Sat 10 August, Sat 14 September, Sat 12 October & Sat 9 November

We pray for baby Tobechukwu **David** Okonkwo baptized last Sunday and his Parents: Chibuzo & Chinaza & Godparents: Ekene, Oritsetimeyin & Chioma

**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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