



St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth

Welcome to our worship

5th March, 2023, Second Sunday of Lent

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Leader, Alastair Cruickshank, Reserved Sacrament

10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist** (Revised Scottish Liturgy 1982)

Celebrant, Revd Annie MacKay Hughes, Assistant Curate

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*You are welcome to join us for tea and coffee
in the Threshold after the 10.30 am service*

The Collect

God of patience and humility, in your love you gave your Son to be rejected and raised up on a cross. Gather us under its shadow and open our eyes to its mystery, that we may share even now in the life that is from above; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from Genesis 12. 1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 3. 1-17

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

<p>It is with great sadness we hear the news of the death of Miss Helen Forbes on 19th January 2023. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 8th March at 2 pm at Perth Crematorium. We remember Helen and her family in our prayers.</p>

Forthcoming Services

Every Thursday, 11 a.m. *Holy Communion* followed by coffee and chat.

N.B. There will be no Thursday morning service or Lenten Reflections on Thursday 9th March

Sunday 12th March

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Bishop Ian will be celebrating on 12th March at the 10.30 am Eucharist. This service will include the licensing of Revd Annie as Assistant Priest.

Sunday 19th March

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

4th Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist and Healing Prayers

Tuesday 7th March. *Christian Aid Coffee Morning* in St Ninian's Cathedral from 10.30 am to 12 noon

Sunday 12th March. *Fairtrade Stall* in the Threshold after 10.30 am service.

Monday 13th March at 2.30 pm. *St John's Fellowship* in the Threshold. You are very welcome to join us.

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