



St John the Baptist  
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth  
*Welcome to our worship*

24<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, Season of Creation 4

**Harvest Thanksgiving Service**

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion** (Scottish Prayer Book Page 326)  
Celebrant, The Very Revd Graham S. Taylor, Rector

10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist** (Revised Scottish Liturgy 1982)  
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*Order of Service* – Please follow separate booklet

<b>Processional hymn</b>	<b>133</b> Come, ye thankful people, come
Welcome	
Gloria	
Collect	
First Readings	Jonah 3. 10-4. 11; Philippians 1. 21-30
<b>Gradual Hymn</b>	<b>696</b> To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
Gospel	Matthew 20. 1-16
Sermon	Dean Graham Taylor
Nicene Creed	
Intercessions	David Willington
Peace	
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>God in his love for us lent us this planet (Page 5)</b>
Eucharistic Prayer	
Lord's Prayer	
Communion Song	
Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>400</b> Like a mighty river flowing
Post Communion Prayer	
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>719</b> We plough the fields and scatter
Dismissal	

*You are welcome to join us for Bring and  
Share Lunch in the Threshold after  
the 10.30 a.m. service*

## *The Collect*

God, in whom all things are possible, You crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory so that none may hunger, none may thirst, and all may cherish the gifts of your creation, 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 Jonah 3. 10-4. 11*

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, ‘O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ And the Lord said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’

But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’ Then the Lord said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it

came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### *A reading from Philippians 1. 21-30*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## ***The Gospel Reading***

***Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20. 1-16***

**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## **God in his love for us lent us this planet**

God in his love for us lent us this planet,  
gave it a purpose in time and in space:  
small as a spark from the fire of creation,  
cradle of life and the home of our race.

Thanks be to God for its bounty and beauty,  
life that sustains us in body and mind:  
plenty for all, if we learn how to share it,  
riches undreamed of to fathom and find.

Long have our human wars ruined its harvest;  
long has earth bowed to the terror of force;  
long have we wasted what others have need of,  
poisoned the fountain of life at its source.

Earth is the Lord's: it is ours to enjoy it,  
ours, as his stewards, to farm and defend.  
From its pollution, misuse, and destruction,  
good Lord, deliver us, world without end.



**Donations are still required for the Perth Foodbank. The items they require are: UHT Milk, tinned tomatoes, instant snacks, small bags of rice, small coffee/tea, biscuits, jam, small laundry items, shampoo and size 5 nappies.**



# *Forthcoming Services*

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

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **Pentecost 18**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **Pentecost 19**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Many thanks to the Jambouree Choir and cabaret singers who performed their concert – A Summer Music Box - in St John's on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. A total of £535 was raised which has been donated to St John's Episcopal Church.



# ART

## EXHIBITION

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# REIMAGINE

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**The Church Administrator is in the Office:**  
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**Thursdays 1 – 4 pm**

**Rector's day off – FRIDAYS**  
**Assistant Priest's day off – MONDAYS**

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This enables the Church to recover 25p in the pound.

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