



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

19th November 2023, Pentecost 25

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

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

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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

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A reading from Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25. 14-30

Glory to Christ our Saviour

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday 26th November

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Christ the King

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 3rd December

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

First Sunday of advent

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 19th November. There will be a *retiring collection* for the residents of Greyfriars to help towards Christmas gifts.

Sunday 19th November – or as soon as possible thereafter **all final entries for Quest.** All entries to the editor, Mr David Willington. dwillington@hotmail.com

Tuesday 21st November in St John's at 11.30 a.m. The funeral will take place for Eric Capewell. Friends are all invited to attend. Thereafter a private service at Perth Crematorium for family only. However, people are welcome to go and wait for the family at the Royal George where they can have coffee and tea and the food will be served on the arrival of the family from the Crematorium. Our thoughts and prayers are with Eric's family at this time.

Sunday 3rd December. There will be a *Christmas Traidcraft/Fairtrade Stall* in the Threshold after the 10.30 a.m. morning service.

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Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th December at 7 pm. Advent Reflections with Compline. *'The Way of Love'*

Saturday 9th December at 3 pm. The Jambouree Christmas concert is taking place in St John's the Baptist Church. All proceeds to St John's

Sunday 10th December. After the 10.30 a.m. morning service mince pies will be served in the Threshold. A donation can be given for Christian Aid.

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Mondays 2 – 5 pm

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Thursdays 1 – 4 pm

Rector's day off – FRIDAYS

Assistant Priest's day off – MONDAYS