



St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth

Welcome to our worship

3rd December, 2023, Advent Sunday

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)

Celebrant, Revd Annie MacKay Hughes, Assistant Curate

Order of Service

Processional hymn	480 O come, O come, Emmanuel Lighting the Advent Candle (See separate sheet)
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First Readings	Isaiah 64. 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9
Gradual Hymn	128 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Gospel	Mark 13. 24-37
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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, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A reading from Isaiah 64. 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 13. 24-37

Glory to Christ our Saviour

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen

Perth Foodbank are looking for donation, especially Christmas Treats.

Please put your donations in the box at the back of the Church.

Many thanks.



Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday 10th December

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Second Sunday of advent

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 17th December

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Nine Lessons and Carols

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

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

Sunday 3rd December. A short reminder that the AGM will take place after the 10.30 a.m. morning service.

Tuesday 5th December at 10.30 a.m. ***The Prayer Group*** will meet at 35 St Mary's Drive, Perth. As always new members very welcome. If anyone has any people or concerns that are not on the Prayer tree, but which they would like to be included in our prayers, please speak to one of the clergy or to Ruth Harris.

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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