



St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth

Welcome to our worship

24th December, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Advent

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, The Right Revd Bruce Cameron

Order of Service

Processional hymn

54 At the name of Jesus

Lighting the Advent Candle (See separate sheet)

Welcome

Kyrie

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Collect

Overleaf

First Readings

2 Samuel 7. 1-11,16; Romans 16. 25-27

Gradual Hymn

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Gospel

Luke 1. 26-38

Sermon

Dean Graham Taylor

Nicene Creed

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Intercessions

Judy Norwell

Peace

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Offertory Hymn

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Eucharistic Prayer II

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Lord's Prayer

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Communion Song

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Communion

All are welcome

Communion Hymn

634 The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Post Communion Prayer

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Recessional Hymn

631 Tell out, my soul

Dismissal

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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

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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 2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.’ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.’

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from Romans 16. 25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience

of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever!
Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 1. 26-38

Glory to Christ our Saviour

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen



Forthcoming Services and Events

Every Thursday, 11 a.m. ***Holy Communion*** followed by coffee and chat.
Please note there will be no services on Thursday 28th December 2023 or Thursday 4th January 2024

Sunday 24th December
9.00 p.m.

Christmas Eve
Christmas Vigil

Monday 25th December
10.30 a.m.

Christmas Day
Sung Eucharist

Sunday 31st December
8.30 a.m.
10.30 a.m.

Naming of Jesus
Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist

Sunday 7th January
8.30 a.m.
10.30 a.m.

Epiphany
Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist

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Thursdays 1 – 4 pm

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