



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

7<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, Second Sunday of Easter

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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| <b>Processional hymn</b> | <b>9 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise</b> |
| Welcome                  |  |
| Gloria                   | Page 6-7   |
| Collect                  | Overleaf   |
| First Readings           | Acts 4. 32-35; 1 John 1. 1-2.2                                 |
| <b>Gradual Hymn</b>      | <b>84 Breathe on me, Breath of God</b>                         |
| Gospel                   | John 20. 19-31   |
| Sermon                   | Revd Canon Shelley Marsh                                       |
| Nicene Creed             | Page 7   |
| Intercessions            | Elaine Cameron   |
| Peace                    | Page 8   |
| <b>Offertory Hymn</b>    | <b>433 Love's redeeming work is done</b>                       |
| Eucharistic Prayer IV    | Page 16-18   |
| Lord's Prayer            | Page 28  |
| Communion Song           | Page 29  |
| Communion                | <i>All are welcome</i>   |
| <b>Communion Hymn</b>    | <b>361 Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives</b>   |
| Post Communion Prayer    | Overleaf and pages 29-30                                       |
| <b>Recessional Hymn</b>  | <b>97 Christ is made the sure foundation</b>                   |
| Dismissal                | Page 30  |

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

## *The Collect*

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## *A reading from Acts 4. 32-35*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## *A reading from 1 John 1. 1-2.2*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 20. 19-31*

Glory to Christ our Saviour

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## *Post Communion Prayer*

**Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen**

# *Forthcoming Services and Events*

Every Thursday, 11 a.m. *Holy Communion (1982)* followed by coffee and chat.

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist with healing prayers

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** at 2.30 pm. *St John's Fellowship* in the Threshold. Swarthick Salins will give a presentation on an eye and leprosy hospital in India that he and his family support and are involved with. He visits it regularly. Swarthick is known to many of us through his work with the Bethany Trust who share responsibility and are always present when we open the Threshold as a warm space in winter. All are welcome.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** at 7 – 8.30 p.m. *International Café* in the Civic Hall, 2 High Street, Perth PH1 5PH. All Welcome.

## **St John the Baptist Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth**

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