



St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth
Welcome to our worship
11th May 2025, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Leader, Vivienne Underwood, Reserved Sacrament

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

Celebrant, The Very Revd Graham Taylor, Rector

Today we warmly welcome Justin Walker, Christian Aid, to our service

Order of Service

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*You are welcome to join us for tea and coffee
in the Threshold after the 8.30 am 10.30 am services*

The Collect

O God, the light of whose truth stretches out to those who go astray, that they may return to the path of righteousness: give your grace to all who profess themselves Christians, that they may cast out what is harmful, and pursue all that gives life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

A reading from Acts 9. 36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from Revelation 7. 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne

will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

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The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10. 22-30

Glory to Christ our Saviour

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.’

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

The funeral of Peggy Connell will be taking place at Perth Crematorium on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 11 am. All Welcome. No flowers please. Dress in cheerful colours and not gloomy black.

There will be a series of ***five Bible studies***, organised by Gordon and Ruth, starting **Wednesday May 7th**. **There won't be one on May 14th**, but thereafter every Wednesday until June 11th and they will take place at 7 pm at 35 St Mary's Drive, unless another venue is preferred.

If you are interested in taking part could you please speak to Gordon or Ruth. Further details should be available very soon.

Please note there will be a retiring collection after the service for Christian Aid.

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday 18th May

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist with healing prayers

Sunday 25th May

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Monday 12th May at 2.30 p.m. *St John's Fellowship* in the Threshold. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Thursday 15th May from 6.15 pm until about 7 pm **Perth Palestine Solidarity Group** are holding a silent vigil for Palestine outside the Concert Hall.

Sunday 18th May – or as soon as possible thereafter **all final entries for Quest**. All entries to the editor, Mr David Willington.
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Mondays 2 – 5 pm

Tuesdays 9 am – 1 pm

Thursdays 1 – 4 pm

Rector's day off – FRIDAYS

Revd Annie's day off – MONDAYS