



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

16<sup>th</sup> November 2025, Pentecost 23

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Leader, Alan McPherson, Reserved Sacrament

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

Celebrant, The Right Revd Bruce Cameron

*Order of Service*

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| <b>Processional hymn</b> | <b>105 Christ, whose glory fills the skies</b> |
| Welcome                  |  |
| Prayers of Healing       | See Separate Sheet                             |
| <b>Healing Hymn</b>      | <b>951 You are the centre</b>                  |
| Gloria                   | Pages 6-7                                      |
| Collect                  | Overleaf                                       |
| First Readings           | Isaiah 65. 17-25; 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13      |
| <b>Gradual Hymn</b>      | <b>762 You are the King of Glory</b>           |
| Gospel                   | Luke 21. 5-19                                  |
| <b>Sermon</b>            | Rev'd Mariusz Wojciechowski                    |
| Nicene Creed             | Pages 7-8                                      |
| Intercessions            | Alan McPherson                                 |
| Peace                    | Page 8   |
| <b>Offertory Hymn</b>    | <b>372 Judge eternal, throned in splendour</b> |
| Eucharistic Prayer V     | Pages 19-20                                    |
| Lord's Prayer            | Page 28  |
| Communion Song           | Page 29  |
| Communion                | <i>All are welcome</i>                         |
| <b>Communion Hymn</b>    | <b>66 Be still and know that I am God</b>      |
| Post Communion Prayer    | Overleaf and pages 29-30                       |
| <b>Recessional Hymn</b>  | <b>695 To God be the glory!</b>                |
| Dismissal                | Page 30  |

*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 Lord, forgive the transgressions of your people: and by your goodness release us from the snare of sin, in which, by our frailty, we have been caught; 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 Isaiah 65. 17-25*

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### *A reading from 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 21. 5-19***

Glory to Christ our Saviour

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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**

**Rotary Calendars 2026. Are now on sale from Bishop Bruce. Price £5 per calendar. All proceeds raised go to St John's.**

**Please note that there will be a retiring collection next week (23<sup>rd</sup> November). It is in aid of Greyfriars Hostel to help buy a small gift for all the residents.**

# *Forthcoming Services and Events*

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

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **Last Sunday of Pentecost**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

## **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **First Sunday of Advent**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November.** There will be a ***Fair Trade stall*** in the Threshold after the 10.30 am Church service.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – or as soon as possible thereafter **all final entries for Quest.** All entries to the editor, Mr David Willington. [dwillington@hotmail.com](mailto:dwillington@hotmail.com)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026** – Please note the change of date. ***The Sound and Sense day with John Bell*** has had to be rescheduled from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026. It will now take place on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**Christine Cross and Jackie Thomson will be selling raffle tickets on 23rd and 30th November 2025. They are still looking for donations of edible and drinkable delights!**

**The raffle will be drawn at the Fellowship's Christmas meeting/party on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

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

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