



St John the Baptist  
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth  
*Welcome to our worship*  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Third Sunday of Lent

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*

<b>Processional hymn</b>	<b>19 All my hope on God is founded</b>
Welcome	
Kyrie	Page 6
Collect	Overleaf
First Readings	Exodus 17. 1-7; Romans 5. 1-11
<b>Gradual Hymn</b>	<b>101 Christ's is the world</b>
Gospel	John 4. 5-26
Sermon	Revd Mariusz
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<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>114 Come down, O Love divine</b>
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Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>718 We love the place, O God</b>
Post Communion Prayer	Overleaf and pages 29-30
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>570 Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore him</b>
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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*

**Merciful Father, we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: when we are discouraged by our weakness, give us strength to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen**

### *A reading from Exodus 17. 1-7*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### *A reading from Romans 5. 1-11*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast

in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4. 5-26***

Glory to Christ our Saviour

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

### ***Post Communion Prayer***

**God of our pilgrimage, we have found the living water. Refresh and sustain us as we go forth on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen**

# *Forthcoming Services and Events*

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

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist and healing prayers

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

**Sundays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at 5 pm. There will be Lent Reflections followed by Compline. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be offered from 4.30 pm prior to starting services. All Welcome.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** at 2.30 p.m. ***St John's Fellowship meeting*** will take place in the Threshold. All are welcome.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** at 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. ***Sound and Sense*** presented by John Bell and Jane Bentley from the Iona Community. Please see notice board for further information.

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

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**Mondays 2 – 5 pm**

**Tuesdays 9 am – 1 pm**

**Thursdays 1 – 4 pm**

**Rector's day off – FRIDAYS**