



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

12th April 2026, 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)
Celebrant, The Right Revd Bruce Cameron

Order of Service

Processional hymn	See, what a morning (See separate sheet)
Kyrie	Page 6
Collect	Overleaf
First Readings	Acts 2. 14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1. 3-9
Gradual Hymn	17 All heaven declares
Gospel	John 20. 19-31
Sermon	Dean Graham
Nicene Creed	Page 7
Intercessions	Ranald Noel-Paton
Peace	Page 8
Offertory Hymn	433 Love's redeeming work is done
Eucharistic Prayer IV	See Pages 16-18
Lord's Prayer	Page 28
Communion Song	Page 29
Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
Communion Hymn	361 Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives
Post Communion Prayer	Overleaf and pages 29-30
Recessional Hymn	9 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise
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

Almighty God: in your great goodness, grant that we, as pilgrims through the Easter mysteries, may hold them fast in our lives; 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 2. 14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from 1 Peter 1. 3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen[b] him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in

him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 19th April

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist with healing prayers

Sunday 26th April

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

5.00 p.m.

4th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Evensong

Save the date
Friday 8th May – Concert
Yorkshire Mixtures – Mozart to Mama Mia
All money raised going to St John's
More information to follow

Monday 13th April at 2.30 p.m. *St John's Fellowship meeting* will take place in the Threshold. Swarthick Salins from Bethany Trust will give a talk on the hospital in India which his family are very involved in. All are welcome.

Sunday 19th April. There will be a *Fairtrade stall* before and after the main service.

St John the Baptist Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth

Rector – The Very Reverend Graham S. Taylor
Assistant Priests – Reverend Mariusz Wojciechowski
Reverend Annie MacKay Hughes

Clergy can be contacted through the Church office on 01738 634999
Email: office@episcopal-perth.org.uk

The Church Administrator is in the Office:
Mondays 2 – 5 pm
Tuesdays 9 am – 1 pm
Thursdays 1 – 4 pm

Rector's day off – FRIDAYS