



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

3rd May 2026, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Leader, Alan McPherson, Reserved Sacrament

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

Celebrant, Revd Mariusz Wojciechowski, Assistant Priest

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, who alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people: give us grace to love the things you command, and to desire the things you promise; that, amid the uncertain changes of this world, our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 7. 55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from 1 Peter 2. 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 14. 1-14

Glory to Christ our Saviour

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

Christian Aid Week 10 – 16 May 2026

There will be a fund-raising Bring & Share Lunch Sunday 17 May 2026.

See sign-up sheet for contributions at the back of church.

Helpers (women & men!) to set out Threshold and serve - please contact Elaine.

Book Stall Saturday May 9 - many thanks for your donated books - explore books, enjoy coffee, tea & cake at Kinnoull Church 10.00 - 4.00pm

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday 10th May

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

6th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Thursday 14th May

11.00 a.m.

Ascension Day

Sunday 17th May

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

7th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist and healing prayers

Speaker will be Fiona Smith

from Christian Aid

Tuesday 5th May at 10.30 a.m. ***The Prayer Group*** will meet at 35 St Mary's Drive, Perth. As always new members very welcome, if possible, please let Ruth know. Email: ruth42caroline@gmail.com

Friday 8th May at 7 p.m. A concert is to be held in our church featuring the choir ***The Yorkshire Mixtures***. Songs ranging from Mozart to Mama Mia. Tickets £10 and refreshments will be served after the concert finishes. There will also be a raffle and all monies raised will go to St John's funds. It should be an enjoyable evening so please come along and support this fundraiser.

Monday 11th May at 2.30 p.m. ***St John's Fellowship*** will be held in the Threshold. All welcome to attend.

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