



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

10th May 2026, Sixth 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)
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Order of Service

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| Processional hymn | 19 All my hope on God is founded |
| Welcome | |
| Gloria | Pages 6-7 |
| Collect | Overleaf |
| First Readings | Acts 17. 22-31; 1 Peter 3. 13-22 |
| Gradual Hymn | 77 Blest are the pure in heart |
| Gospel | John 14. 15-21 |
| Sermon | Rev. Mariusz |
| Nicene Creed | Page 7 |
| Intercessions | Jackie Thomson |
| Peace | Page 8 |
| Offertory Hymn | 332 I, the Lord of sea and sky |
| Eucharistic Prayer IV | See Pages 16-18 |
| Lord's Prayer | Page 28 |
| Communion Song | Page 29 |
| Communion | <i>All are welcome</i> |
| Communion Hymn | 84 Breathe on me, Breath of God |
| Post Communion Prayer | Overleaf and pages 29-30 |
| Recessional Hymn | 684 Thou, whose almighty word |
| 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 God, from whom all good things arise: grant such grace to those who call on you, that, by your inspiration, we may ponder those things that are right, and, by your guidance, do them; 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 17. 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from 1 Peter 3. 13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than

to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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. 15-21

Glory to Christ our Saviour

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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.

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Please note there will be a Taizé service taking place today at St John's at 3 pm – All welcome.

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**

Sunday 24th May

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Day of Pentecost

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

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

Sunday 17th May – or as soon as possible thereafter **all final entries for Quest.** All entries to the editor, Mr David Willington. dwillington@hotmail.com

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Rector's day off – FRIDAYS