



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

17th May 2026, Seventh 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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Today we warmly welcome Fiona Smith, Church Engagement & Fundraising Officer, Christian Aid Scotland to our service

Order of Service

Processional hymn	16 All hail the power of Jesus' name
Welcome	
Prayers for Healing	See Separate Sheet
Healing Hymn	624 Take my hands, Lord
Gloria	Pages 6-7
Collect	Overleaf
First Readings	Acts 1. 6-14; 1 Peter 4. 12-14, 5.6-11
Gradual Hymn	461 My Jesus, my Saviour
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Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
Communion Hymn	540 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
Post Communion Prayer	Overleaf and pages 29-30
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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, the King of Glory, hear our prayer: that as we believe your Son Jesus Christ to be exalted with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven; so also we may know his presence with us now, and to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

A reading from Acts 1. 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from 1 Peter 4. 12-14; 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has

called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 17. 1-11

Glory to Christ our Saviour

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord.

Amen

**All welcome to Christian Aid Lunch today in Threshold.
Christian Aid envelopes are at back of church
if you wish to make a donation!**

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday 24th May

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Day of Pentecost

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 31st May

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

5.00 p.m.

Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Evensong

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

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20th June 2026

St John's outing to St Fillan's cave, Pittenweem.

There is an information sheet at the back of the church with further details.

There are also sign-up sheets for those wanting to go
and those who can take their cars.

Timings etc will be confirmed nearer the time.

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Mondays 2 – 5 pm

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Thursdays 1 – 4 pm

Rector's day off – FRIDAYS