



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

26th July 2026, Sea Sunday

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 David Graham-Service, Seafarers Scotland**

*Order of Service*

|                          |                                                        |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Processional hymn</b> | <b>13 All for Jesus!</b>                               |
| Welcome                  |                                                        |
| Gloria                   | Pages 6-7                                              |
| Collect                  | Overleaf                                               |
| First Readings           | Genesis 29. 15-28; Romans 8. 26-39                     |
| <b>Gradual Hymn</b>      | <b>70 Be thou my vision</b>                            |
| Gospel                   | Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52                               |
| Sermon                   | David Graham-Service,<br>Mission to Seafarers Scotland |
| Nicene Creed             | Page 7                                                 |
| Intercessions            | Alan McPherson                                         |
| Peace                    | Page 8                                                 |
| <b>Offertory Hymn</b>    | <b>375 King of glory, King of peace</b>                |
| Eucharistic Prayer I     | See Pages 9-11                                         |
| Lord's Prayer            | Page 28                                                |
| Communion Song           | Page 29                                                |
| Communion                | <i>All are welcome</i>                                 |
| <b>Communion Hymn</b>    | <b>29 Amazing grace</b>                                |
| Post Communion Prayer    | Overleaf and pages 29-30                               |
| <b>Recessional Hymn</b>  | <b>153 Eternal Father, strong to save</b>              |
| 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, whose providence orders all things in heaven and earth: keep from us everything harmful, and lead us to all that is good; 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 Genesis 29. 15-28*

Then Laban said to Jacob, ‘Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?’ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, ‘I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.’ Laban said, ‘It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.’ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, ‘Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.’ So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, ‘What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?’ Laban said, ‘This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.’ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## *A reading from Romans 8. 26-39*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of

God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### ***The Gospel Reading***

***Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13.  
31-33, 44-52***

Glory to Christ our Saviour

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

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

**God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen**

# *Forthcoming Services and Events*

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

## **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **Pentecost 10**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **Pentecost 11**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

***There will be a retiring collection at the end of the service for Mission to Seafarers Scotland***

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August** 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](mailto:ruth42caroline@gmail.com). **Could people please put prayer requests on the Prayer Tree or speak to Jackie or Gordon.**

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

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**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**

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