



St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth
Welcome to our worship
20th September 2026, Season of Creation 3

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**
Leader, Alan McPherson, Reserved Sacrament

10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist** (Revised Scottish Liturgy 1982)
Celebrant, The Right Revd Bruce Cameron

Order of Service – Please follow separate booklet

Proclamation hymn	646 The kingdom of God
Welcome	
Prayers for Healing	See separate sheet
Healing Hymn	422 Lord, we come to ask your healing
Gloria	
Collect	
First Readings	Exodus 16. 2-15; Philippians 1. 21-30
Gradual Hymn	161 Father, hear the prayer we offer
Gospel	Matthew 20. 1-16
Sermon	Rev'd Mariusz
Nicene Creed	
Intercessions	Lilian Fleming
Peace	
Offertory Hymn	509 O Lord, all the world belongs to you
Eucharistic Prayer	
Lord's Prayer	
Communion Song	
Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
Communion Hymn	82 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed
Post Communion Prayer	
Recessional Hymn	392 Let us, with a gladsome mind
Dismissal	

*You are welcome to join us for tea and coffee
in the Threshold after the 8.30 am 10.30 am services*

A reading from Exodus 16. 2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?'^[a] For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Philippians 1. 21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in

faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20. 1-16

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.



Forthcoming Services and Events

Every Thursday, 11 a.m. *Holy Communion (1982)* followed by coffee and chat. **PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO HOLY COMMUNION ON THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

Sunday 27th September
8.30 a.m.
10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 18 – Season of Creation 4
Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist

Sunday 4th October
8.30 a.m.
10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 19 – Harvest Thanksgiving
Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist

It is with great sadness we hear the news of the death of Alastair Cruickshank on Saturday 5th September 2026. Alastair's funeral will take place in St John's at 1 pm on Thursday 24th September. This will be followed by a private cremation. We remember Alastair and his family in our prayers.

Sunday 20th September – or as soon as possible thereafter **all final entries** for Quest. All entries to the editor, Mr David Willington.
dwillington@hotmail.com

Sunday 27th September at 4 pm at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth,
Revd Scott Brown will be ordained priest by Bishop Ian.
All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 30th September at 7 pm in the Threshold. Screening of *People's Emergency Briefing* on the climate and nature crisis. We need to keep track of numbers -please use <https://episcopal-perth.org.uk/peb/>

If you wish to make a contribution for Bishop Ian's retiral your donation can be placed in the plate at the back of the Church. Thank you.