



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

27th September 2026, Season of Creation 4

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 – Please follow separate booklet

Proclamation hymn	716 We have a gospel to proclaim
Welcome	
Gloria	
Collect	
First Readings	Exodus 17. 1-7; Philippians 2. 1-13
Gradual Hymn	77 Blest are the pure in heart
Gospel	Matthew 21. 23-32
Sermon	Rev. Mariusz
Nicene Creed	
Intercessions	Penelope Kennedy
Peace	
Offertory Hymn	37 Angel-voices ever singing
Eucharistic Prayer	
Lord's Prayer	
Communion Song	
Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
Communion Hymn	66 Be still and know that I am God
Post Communion Prayer	
Recessional Hymn	695 To God be the glory!
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 17. 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Philippians 2. 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 21. 23-32

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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.

Sunday 4th October

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 19 – Harvest Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 11th October

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 20

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

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/>

Monday 5th October at 2.30 p.m. ***St John's Fellowship*** will be held in the
Threshold. Jean Hendry will be giving a talk on one of the places she has
visited recently. All welcome to attend. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF
DATE.**

Tuesday 6th October 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

**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.**

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Assistant Priests – Reverend Mariusz Wojciechowski

Reverend Annie MacKay Hughes