

St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth

Welcome to our worship

22nd November 2026, Christ the King

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)
Liturgy of the Word, The Revd Scott J Brown, Assistant Priest
Celebrant, The Revd Mariusz Wojciechowski, Assistant Priest

Today we welcome Lavanga and Jenneth Weerasinghe and friends to our service

Order of Service

Processional hymn	**19 All my hope on God is founded**
Welcome	
Gloria	Page 6-7
Collect	Overleaf
First Readings	Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1. 15-23
Gradual Hymn	**Spirit of God, unseen as the wind**
Gospel	Matthew 25. 31-46
Sermon	Revd Annie MacKay Hughes
Anthem	An Irish Blessing by Bob Chilcott
Baptism	See separate booklet
Baptism Hymn	**By cool Siloam's shady rill**
Intercessions	Lilian Fleming
Peace	Page 8
Offertory Hymn	**137 Crown him with many crowns**
Eucharistic Prayer I	See Pages 9-11
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Communion	***All are welcome***
Communion Hymn	**624 Take my hands, Lord**
Post Communion Prayer	Overleaf and pages 29-30
Recessional Hymn	**409 Lord, for the years**
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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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in the kingdom of your well-beloved Son: mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; through the same 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 Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from Ephesians 1. 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

Chorus:
Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love!

You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth
through it God's voice is heard.

Chorus…….

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live His way;
we need Your power, we need Your strength,
following Christ each day.

Chorus…….

The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25. 31-46

Glory to Christ our Saviour

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

By cool Siloam's shady rill



By cool Siloam's shady rill
How fair the lily grows!
How sweet the breath, beneath the hill,
Of Sharon's dewy rose!

Lo! such the child whose early feet
The paths of peace have trod,
Whose secret heart, with influence sweet,
Is upward drawn to God.

By cool Siloam's shady rill
The lily must decay;
The rose that blooms beneath the hill
Must shortly fade away.

And soon, too soon, the wintry hour
Of man's maturer age
Will shake the soul with sorrow's power
And stormy passion's rage.

O Thou Whose infant feet were found
Within Thy Father's shrine,
Whose years with changeless virtue crowned,
Were all alike divine.

Dependent on Thy bounteous breath,
We seek Thy grace alone,
In childhood, manhood, age, and death
To keep us still Thine own.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday 29th November	**Advent Sunday**
8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
5.00 p.m.	Evensong

Sunday 6th December	**2nd Sunday of Advent**
8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

Thursdays 3rd, 10th and 17th December from 12.30 – 1.30 p.m. Walking with Angels an ***Advent Study*** at St John's with Revd Scott. Soup and bread will be served beforehand.

Sunday 6th December . St John's AGM will take place after the 10.30 a.m. service. All welcome to attend.

Sunday 13h December . Mince pies will be served in the Threshold after the 10.30 a.m. service in aid of Christian Aid.

Please note that there will be a retiring collection after the 10.30 a.m. service on 29th November 2026. It is in aid of Greyfriars Hostel to help buy a small gift for all the residents.

The Mothers' Union Christmas Appeal. We make up and donate toiletry bags to the hospital and Perth Women's Aid every year at Christmas. Any regular size unopened toiletries and new pants would be gratefully received in church by **Sunday 13th December.** Many thanks. Jackie Thomson

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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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