

St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth

Welcome to our worship

8th November 2026, Remembrance 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)
Liturgy of the Word, Revd Scott J Brown, CBE, Assistant Priest
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Order of Service

Processional hymn	**O God, our help in ages past**
Gathering Prayers	See booklet
Kyrie	See booklet
Collect	Overleaf
First Readings	Joshua 24. 1-3a, 14-25; 1 Thessalonians 4. 13-18
Gradual Hymn	**For the healing of the nations**
Gospel	Matthew 25. 1-13
Sermon	Poems and Readings
Choir Anthem	Ubi Caritas
Act of Remembrance	See booklet
Intercessions	Penelope Kennedy
National Anthem	**God save our Gracious King**
Peace	See booklet
Offertory Hymn	**O Valiant Hearts**
Eucharistic Prayer	See booklet
Lord's Prayer	See booklet
Communion Song	See booklet
Communion	***All are welcome***
Communion Hymn	**What shall we pray for those who died**
Post Communion Prayer	Overleaf and see booklet
Recessional Hymn	**The strife is o'er, the battle done**
Dismissal	See booklet

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

The Collect

O God, whose will it is to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace: let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows; and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; 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 Joshua 24. 1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau.

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people,

'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 4. 13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25. 1-13

Glory to Christ our Saviour

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied,

"No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Ubi Caritas - Translation

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
As we are gathered into one body,
Beware, lest we be divided in mind.
Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease, And may Christ our God be in our midst.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
And may we with the saints also,
See Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:
The joy that is immense and good,
Unto the ages through infinite ages. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



There will be a retiring collection for Poppy Scotland

Volunteers required to help at the ***Warm Spaces Project***. This will take place from 4th November to end of March 2027, Wednesdays 1-3 pm. For further information please speak to Jackie Thomson.

Revd Annie's last service with us as Assistant Priest will be Sunday 22nd November 2026. Therefore there will be a collection to give her a leaving present. If you wish to donate, please use the plate at the back of the Church. Thank You.

<u>Please note</u>: The next Vestry Meeting will take place on Thursday 12th November 2026 in the Threshold.

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday 15th November	**Pentecost 25**
8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 22nd November	**Pentecost 26 – Christ the King**
8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist and healing prayers

Monday 9th November at 2.30 p.m. ***St John's Fellowship meeting*** will take place in the Threshold. There will be an outside speaker, Duncan McNab, who will be giving a power point presentation on St Kilda, where he has spent time on an NTS working party. All are welcome and it should be a good occasion to see the Church's new projector and screen put to good use.

Sunday 15th November. There will be a ***Fair Trade stall*** in the Threshold after the 10.30 a.m. Church service. Usual produce and a chance to buy seasonal gifts!

Sunday 15th November – or as soon as possible thereafter **all final entries for Quest**. All entries to the editor, Mr David Willington.
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Mondays 2 – 5 pm
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Thursdays 1 – 4 pm

Rector's day off – FRIDAYS

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