

# *St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy*

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*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023, All Souls*

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Welcome to St Peter's as we give thanks for and commemorate the faithful departed.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

*Introit Hymn:* 333 All my hope on God is founded

*Sentence:* Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen**

*Collect for Purity:*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word and deed and omission, and confess them before God our Father.

Let us confess our sins of thought, word and deed.

**God, our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**  
Lord, have mercy

Collect: Father of all,  
we pray to you for those we love but see no longer.  
Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them,  
and in your loving wisdom and almighty power  
work in them the good purpose of your perfect will,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

*Readings: The Old Testament Reading, the Psalm and the New Testament Reading are read by a member of the Readers Group*

First reading: Wisdom 3.1-9 Apocrypha)

*Responsorial Psalm: 23*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

2. **He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.**
3. He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.
4. **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup runs over.
6. **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever  
Amen**

*Second reading:* 1 Peter 1. 3-9 (page 293)

*Gradual hymn:* 420 O Jesus I have promised

*Gospel:* John 11.21-27 (Page 132)

Hear us O merciful Father as we remember in love those whom we have placed in your hands.

#### COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Give rest O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing but life everlasting. Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth, but have also promised us a share in life eternal. According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace of Christ share with your saints in the joy of heaven where there is neither sorrow nor pain. **Amen.**

*Intercessions:* *Composed and prayed on behalf of the congregation by a member of the Intercessors Group*

In peace let us pray to the Lord

*The Peace:* Jesus says Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. Not as the world gives give I unto you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. We meet in Christ's name  
**Let us share his peace**

A sign of the peace is exchanged with our immediate neighbours

The Service continues using the 1982 Scottish Liturgy from p.6

Offertory hymn: 114 Now is eternal life

*Communion hymn:* 307 Sweet Sacrament Divine

*Prayer after Communion:* **God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate in this Eucharist, bring us with the faithful departed into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation. Amen.**

*Blessing:* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Recessional hymn:* 252 The day thou gavest Lord is ended

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