

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 1st May 2022, Easter 3

On behalf of the Vestry and congregation we welcome you to St Peter's Episcopal Church to our service today.

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Introit Hymn: 130 Hail the day that sees him rise

Collect: O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect(SPB) Almighty Father, who has given thine only Son to be unto us a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of Godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to

follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

First reading: (Page 154) Acts 6. 1-20
(SPB 1 St Peter 2.19)

Psalm: 30

1. I praise you, Lord, because you have saved me and kept my enemies from gloating over me.
2. **I cried to you for help, O Lord my God, and you healed me;**
3. you kept me from the grave.
I was on my way to the depths below,
but you restored my life.
4. **Sing praise to the Lord, all his faithful people!
Remember what the Holy One has done, and give him thanks!**
5. His anger lasts only a moment, his goodness for a lifetime.
Tears may flow in the night, but joy comes in the morning.
6. **I felt secure and said to myself, "I will never be defeated."**
7. You were good to me, Lord; you protected me like a mountain fortress.
But then you hid yourself from me, and I was afraid.
8. **I called to you, Lord; I begged for your help:**
9. "What will you gain from my death?
What profit from my going to the grave?
Are dead people able to praise you?
Can they proclaim your unfailing goodness?"
10. **Hear me, Lord, and be merciful!
Help me, Lord!"**
11. You have changed my sadness into a joyful dance;
you have taken away my sorrow and surrounded me with joy.

**12. So I will not be silent; I will sing praise to you.
Lord, you are my God; I will give you thanks forever.**

Glory be 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: (Page 316) Revelation 5. 11-14

Gradual hymn: 112 Jesus lives, thy terrors now

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!**

Gospel: (Page 132) John 10.22-30
(SPB St John 10.11)

Sermon: The Revd Canon Christine Fraser

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

Peace: *A sign of the peace is exchanged.*

Offertory hymn: 334 All people that on earth do dwell

Communion hymn: 459 The Lord's my shepherd

Prayer after Communion: **Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Blessing: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, 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: SP22 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

Notices:

All baptised Christians are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available; please advise a sidesperson if you require this. An Induction Loop is installed in church. Hearing aid users should adjust their aid to the T position. Large-print copies of the liturgy are available on request
Worship

Wednesday 4 th May	10.00am Eucharist
Sunday 8 th May	9.15am Eucharist (SPB)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy)

Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi is installed in the building. Passwords and access codes are available. Please ensure though that any mobile devices are switched off or on silent mode during services and meetings. Many thanks.

Offertory: Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the church.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 7.30pm in the hall.

Zumba: Zumba continues on Friday 6th May 2022 at 10.30am in the hall. All welcome

Craft Group: The group continues Monday 2nd May 2022 at 10am. Cost £2 per session.

Prayer Group If you, or someone you know would like prayers said then please complete a slip and place in the woven box. Your request will be responded to.

PA System: The PA system is all set up for reading and interceding. **Readers and Intercessors** don't need to switch the microphone on or off. **Welcomers** will ensure the system and both microphones are switched off at the end of the service. If you are unable to do your allocated Sunday, please arrange with someone else on the rota and mark the change on the master copy in the hall.

Flowers in Church: Flowers enhance the beauty of our worship week by week. If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion, please speak to Janie Legge who can advise and who would help arrange them with you if you wish.

Hospital Visits. The local hospitals no longer allow access to their in-patient lists. If you, a relative or friend are admitted to hospital, please contact the Rector on 01592 204208 or cnfraser@btinternet.com and visits will be arranged.

Please pray for:

All those in our own congregation, their families or friends who are ill, housebound or whose year's mind falls this week. Archbishop Stephen and the Karen people in Burma, Thailand and Sheffield
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