

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 24th March 2024, Palm Sunday

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

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Liturgy of the Palms: *Please gather in the hall*

Blessed be God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**And blessed be God's kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, in our observance of Lent we have been preparing, by self-examination and spiritual discipline, to celebrate the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ. Today we begin the solemn celebration of our salvation through his death on the cross and his resurrection to glory. We now recall our Lord's entry as king into Jerusalem, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us follow him, that, as we died with Christ in our Baptism, so we may share his risen life.

Collect:

Assist us Lord God of our salvation:
that we may enter with joy
into the celebration of those mighty acts
whereby you give us life and immortality;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Readings:

Mark 11.1-11

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Blessing of Palms:

Almighty and everlasting God,
may these palms be for us
a sign of Christ's victory over sin and death;
and may we who have been baptised in his name,
worship him as king, obey him as Lord,
and follow him in the way of the Cross,
which leads to eternal life.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect:

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy,
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant, that we,
walking in the way of his cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Procession:

Let us proceed in peace
In the name of Christ. Amen.
Congregation process into the church

Introit Hymn: 511 Ride on, ride on in majesty

Collect: Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a (Page 714)

Second Reading: Philippians 2. 5-11 (Page 248)

Gradual hymn: 338 At the name of Jesus

Gospel: The Passion according to Mark

Offertory hymn: SP40 Lift high the cross

Communion hymn: 95 When I survey the wondrous cross

Prayer after Communion: **God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this Eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son we may be led to salvation; for he is Lord, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing: Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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: 271 Alleluia sing to Jesus

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

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.

Worship:

Holy Week Services: Midweek Eucharist 10 am Wed 27th March
Maundy Thursday Eucharist 7pm Thu 28th March
Good Friday Service and Communion 12noon Fri 29th Mar
Easter Sunday Services 9.15am and 10.30am on Sun.31st Mar

Church Decoration: We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday morning 30th Mar, if you are able to help please come along at 10 am. On **EASTER SUNDAY** please bring along a small flower from your garden to place in our Easter Garden.

Zumba: The group will take a break for Easter and resume on Friday 19th April at 10.30am. All welcome..

Craft Group: The craft group will resume on Monday 22nd April at 2pm in the hall. All welcome.

Bishops Lent Appeal: This year's appeal is for Ashakiran – Ray of Hope, Ensuring Lasting Change for Women, Young Girls and Children in the Diocese of Kolkata. The women are taught needlework and tailoring skills and given a certificate of competence. Some go on to making ecclesiastical vestments, church linens and clerical garments. There will be a retiring collection for this work at the Easter Sunday Service.

Post- Easter Break: The Rector will be away from 31st March pm till 6th April. For pastoral emergencies, please phone the Rectory number where your call will be diverted to someone who can help.

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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