

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 29th March 2026, 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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There is no offertory collection during the service; if you wish to give an offering, please place in the plate at the right-hand side of the door as you enter the church. Many thanks.

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:

Matthew 21.1-11

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: 509 All glory laud and honour

Collect: Almighty God,
who, in your tender love for the human race,
sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take our nature upon him,
and to suffer death upon the cross,
giving us the example of his great humility:
mercifully grant,
that we may both follow the example of his passion,
and also, be made partakers of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Collect(SPB) Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love
towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the
cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great
humility; mercifully grant that we might both follow the
example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his
resurrection; through the same our Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Second Reading: Philippians 2. 5-11 (Page 248)
(SPB) Philippians 2.5

Gradual hymn: 338 At the name of Jesus

Gospel: The Passion according to Matthew
(SPB) Matthew 27.1

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

Peace: A sign of the peace is exchanged with our immediate neighbours

Offertory hymn: 511 Ride on, ride on in majesty

Administration of Communion: **Communion will be offered in two kinds. In order to assist the chalice administrators please GUIDE the chalice by the bottom(not take the vessel from them) to receive wine.**

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: 86 My song is love unknown

Notices:

All baptised Christians are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion, to receive bread alone, or to receive bread and drink from the chalice. Intinction is not permitted in this Diocese. All are welcome to receive a blessing at the altar. 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:

Wed 1st April	10.00am	Eucharist
Thurs 2 nd April	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Vigil
Fri 3 rd April	12.00 noon	Good Friday Service with Holy Communion
Sun 5 th April	9.15am	Eucharist (SPB)
	10:30 a.m.	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.

Zumba: Zumba will continue after the Easter break

Craft Group: Craft Group will continue after the Easter break

Bishop's Lent Appeal: The Lent Appeal is in support of Christian Aid's work in Burkina Faso, one of the poorest and least well-known countries in north-west Africa. With local churches and other partners, Christian Aid's work is helping farming communities which are being devastated by climate change, to adapt and change in the face of these changes. There will be the opportunity to contribute to this at a retiring collection on Easter Sunday 5th April. Many thanks for your generosity.

Gowrie House: The next service is on Wednesday 1st April 2026 at 2pm.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing: The next service will be on Sunday 12th April after the 10.30am service

Fellowship Group: The fellowship group will meet on Thursday 30th April 2026 at 2pm in the small meeting room. All welcome.

Study Group: The group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 11am. The next meeting is on 15th April 2026.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 7.00pm in the lower meeting room.

Flowers: If you would like to donate towards the cost of flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one or a special anniversary, please speak to Janie Legge. There is no requirement to arrange the flowers, although Janie is always happy to advise anyone who would like to.

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.

Health and Safety: The Fabric Repairs Log, Risk Assessment Register, Accident Book and First Aid Kit are situated in the Kitchen.

Kirkcaldy Foodbank: Perhaps you might consider contributing an extra tin or two to the basket in the vestibule. All donations welcome.

The Rector: For information, the Rector's rest day is a Friday and she will generally be away from Kirkcaldy. For URGENT pastoral issues, please leave a message on the Rectory phone and it will be attended to as soon as possible.

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