



St John the Evangelist

Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh
A community of welcome in the Borders

4th February 2024

5th Sunday after Epiphany

10.00 EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Revd. Andi Hofbauer

Hymn 466

Thou, whose almighty word

PREPARATION

(page 1, blue service book)

Collect

O Lord, watch over your household with constant love: that, supported by you alone, we may always stand firm in your protection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(page 4, blue service book)

1st reading: Isaiah 40:21 – 31 *(p. 695, pew Bible)*

Psalm 147 **Sing praises to our God who heals the broken hearted**

2nd reading: 1 Cor. 9:16 – 23 *(p. 183, pew Bible)*

Hymn 349

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

Gospel: Mark 1:29 – 39 (p. 38, pew Bible)

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Peace

Hymn Jesus calls us

- 1 Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.
- 2 Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.
- 3 Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.
- 4 Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.

Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast of saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

Words: J Bell & G Maude

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND COMMUNION

(page 7, then page 8, blue service book)

At Communion: *there is hand gel on the way to the altar rail for those who wish to handle the chalice themselves. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine).*

Prayer after *We use prayer (b) on page 30:*

Communion **“Father of all ...”**

Hymn 394 Let all the world in every corner sing

Blessing and Dismissal

We pray especially today for

Syd Farquharson

Dear Friends and people of God,

At the beginning of his Gospel, St John says ‘No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.’

This is true of the baby in Bethlehem. This is true of the carpenter-become-preacher in Galilee. This is true of the teacher healing, calling and confronting the people of Israel. This is true of Jesus as he enters Jerusalem and journeys through his last week to his death on the cross and on to life in all its glorious fullness.

As we see Jesus share a meal with his anxious disciples and give them peace, we see the Father.

As we see Jesus being anointed and washing feet, we see the Father.

As we see Jesus pray in the Garden Gethsemane 'Take this cup away from me, but not my will, your will be done', we see the Father.

As we see Jesus arrested, beaten, mocked and facing the injustice of fearful power, we see the Father.

As we see Jesus nailed to the cross, speaking words of forgiveness and love, we see the Father.

And as we share together this year's Lent course, 'Let your light shine' in which we explore and walk these seven weeks with the Gospel of John, we are invited to see the Father in our studying, sharing and praying.

Please join us, whether individually or by attending the Zoom course on Tuesday evenings (or the face-to-face meetings at St Cuthbert's on Wednesdays). Let us walk Lent together and invite the light of Christ to shine in our hearts, and to shine through our hearts and lives into the world.

With all my love and prayers: Andi

Priest-in-Charge

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