



St John the Evangelist

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

28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00 EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Revd. Andi Hofbauer

Hymn 111 Jesus Christ is risen

PREPARATION

(page 1, blue service book)

Collect O God who alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people: give us grace to love the things you command, and to desire the things you promise; that, amid the uncertain changes of this world, our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found; 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: Acts 8:26 – 40 *(p. 135, pew Bible)*

Psalm 22 **All the ends of the earth shall turn to you,
O Lord.**

2nd reading: 1 John 4:17 – 21 (p. 259, pew Bible)

Hymn 408 Love Divine, all loves excelling

Gospel: John 15:1 – 8

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Peace

Hymn I am the light

- 1 I am the Light whose brightness shines
on every pilgrim's way,
and brings to evil's darkest place
the glorious light of day.
- 2 I am the Gate that leads to life
along the narrow way,
the Shepherd who will tend my sheep
that none are lost or stray.
- 3 I am the Well from whose fresh springs
life-giving water flows,
and on each side the tree of life
with leaves for healing grows.
- 4 I am the Bread, God's gift from heaven,
sent down to satisfy
that hunger which cries out for food;
who eats shall never die.
- 5 I am the Vine whose branches grow
united in one root;
who dwell in me, and I in them,
shall live and bear much fruit.

- 6 I am the Resurrection life,
the power of God whereby
whoever truly trusts
in me shall live and never die.
- 7 I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
and truth shall set you free
to seek and find the way to life
and live that life in me.

Robert Willis, b. 1947

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND COMMUNION
(page 7, then page 23, 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 (a) on page 30:*

Communion ***“Holy and life-giving God ... ”***

Hymn 120 Thine be the glory

Blessing and Dismissal

We pray especially today for
Syd Farquharson and Grace Lancaster

Dear Friends and Easter people,

Jesus is the Great ‘I am’: Bread of Life; Light of the World;
Gate; Good Shepherd; Resurrection; Way, Truth and Life;
True Vine.

And I wonder how his disciples heard Jesus’ words in our
Gospel passage today – all this talk of abiding, and
branches bearing fruit, of pruning, and love. But in

whatever way those early followers may have heard and experienced Jesus' words, we today can see them for the radical, challenging, and inclusive message they bear.

And it is all about love: the radical death-defying love of Jesus, who is the Saviour of this world. It is about a love so amazing and so divine and so limitless that it continues to pour forth in bread and wine, Word and water, and Spirit-wind. In a world so broken and bruised, this love of God made real in Jesus and extended to us through his dying and rising again, is the only antidote to death and darkness.

Abide in me, Jesus says. Be re-assured! I ever abide in you. This is a given; this is the work I have accomplished; nothing can take it away from you. And he adds, you, my friends and disciples, you also have work to do, for those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,...' We are to bear fruit.

It may only be one small act at a time. It may only be one person at a time. It may only be one moment at a time. But as we do, we abide in Christ, and He is us, and we do His work.

With my love and prayers: Andi

Priest-in-Charge

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