



# St John the Evangelist

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

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Pentecost 8**

**10.00 EUCHARIST**

*Celebrant: Revd. Andi Hofbauer*

**Hymn 232**

Awake, my soul

## **PREPARATION**

*(page 1, blue service book)*

Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you good things no eye has seen: pour into our hearts such love of you, that, by loving you in all things and above all things, we may be worthy of your promises, which surpass all we can desire; 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)*

Reading:

Amos 7:7 – 15      *(p. 888, pew Bible)*

Psalm 24

**The King of glory shall come in**

## Hymn

## Sing the Gospel of salvation

- 1 Sing the gospel of salvation,  
Tell it out to all the earth;  
To the ones so long excluded,  
Speak of hope and human worth.  
All the darkness of injustice  
Cannot dim salvation's light,  
For the outcast and exploited  
Count as worthy in God's sight.
  
- 2 Christ, the one eternal Shepherd,  
Calls creation to rejoice,  
And the victims of oppression  
Thrill to hear salvation's voice.  
All who recognise the Saviour  
Take their place within the fold,  
There, in perfect truth and freedom,  
Life's eternal joys to hold.
  
- 3 See, the host that none can number  
Gathers in from every side,  
Once the victims of injustice,  
Now redeemed and glorified.  
Fear and weeping here are ended,  
Hunger and oppression cease.  
Now the Lamb becomes the Shepherd!  
Now begins the reign of peace.

*Michael Forster*

Gospel: Mark 6:14 – 29

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Peace

**Hymn 273**     And now, O Father

**LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*(page 7, 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, we give you thanks ... ”**

**Hymn 346**     City of God

Blessing and Dismissal

***We pray especially today for***

**Syd Farquharson, Grace Lancaster and Linda Grant**

***Dear Friends and people of God,***

The issues which called forth the prophetic messages of the bible, be they spoken through the ancient prophets like Amos, or a John the Baptist of our Gospel reading, are very contemporary issues.

They are full on about how we are to live. They challenge the abuse of power or position, uncovering injustices both on personal and structural levels. They call out the arrogance and carelessness of the rich over the poor, and the greed and self-centredness which perpetuate the vicious circle of disregard and violation of the dignity of every human being, our common humanity, all being made in the Imago Dei, the image of God.

And a prophetic voice is needed to call God's people to return to their calling as His very own people. It will always be a voice which will not, which cannot settle for the status quo, not even for the sake of stability, or security, or

comfort, or conserving tradition, but it will be a voice that is inevitably and rightly radical, calling for change.

A prophetic voice will sweep away all the trappings of religion and simply ask, 'What does God require?', and answer simply, 'Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God.' Or even more simply: 'love God, love others.'

Amos preached the consequences of godless living. John the Baptised preached the baptism of repentance. Jesus preached 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent and believe in the good news.'

Let us be convinced, my friends, let us be moved, let us be overwhelmed, let us be transformed, let us settle for nothing less than holiness of heart and life as the result of faithful obedience to the voice of God.

Let us open our hearts and minds to our calling, to love and serve God, to love and serve each other and all creation, to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

### ***With all my love and prayers: Andi***

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Priest-in-Charge

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*Our welcomers have the key to the front door.*

**BEATITUDES** Summer study continues on Thursday, 10.45 am  
**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Moyra Campbell, tomorrow, 10.45 am