



St John the Evangelist

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

4th August 2024

Pentecost 11

10.00 EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Canon Susan Macdonald

Hymn 368

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

PREPARATION

(page 1, blue service book)

Collect

Grant to us, Lord, the spirit to think on those things that are right, and always to be ready to do them: that we, who without you cannot be alive, may have the strength to live according to your will; 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:

Exodus 16:2 – 4, 9 – 15 *(p. 67, pew Bible)*

Psalms 78

The Lord gave them grain from heaven

Hymn 357

Father, hear the prayer we offer

Gospel:

John 6:24 – 35

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Peace

Hymn 294 Just as I am

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 495 God is working his purpose out

Blessing and Dismissal

We pray especially today for

Syd Farquharson, Grace Lancaster and Linda Grant

Dear friends and people of God,

We live as hungry people in a hungry world. Everyone is looking for something that will sustain and nourish life, something that will fill and satisfy. Everyone is looking for bread (or the cultural equivalent). The problem is not that we are hungry, but the kind of bread we eat. What do I mean?

In the Holy Land both sides are eating the bread of violence and war. Our elected representatives so often share only the bread of negativity, hostility, and name-calling. On the telly we watch all sides eating the bread that objectifies and depersonalizes another human being. In our own lives we so often eat the

bread of hurt feelings and resentment, of loneliness, fear, and isolation, of sorrow or guilt. Do I need to go on?

Not all bread sustains and grows life. Not all bread is nutritious. Where does it come from? What are its ingredients? This is what Jesus is teaching in today's gospel.

Just the day before, as we heard in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus fed 5000 of them with five loaves and two fish. Today they show up and their first question is, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' They can see no sign, no miracle, in yesterday's feeding. The people want to feed themselves with bread. Jesus wants to feed them with God, with 'the food that endures for eternal life.'

And this food which endures is Jesus himself. He is the bread that is broken and distributed for the life of the world. 'I am the bread of life,' Jesus tells the people. 'Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

In every situation and each day of our lives we choose the bread we will eat, perishable or imperishable. In so doing we also choose the life we want, the life we will lead.

What bread will we choose to eat today?

With my love and prayers: Andi



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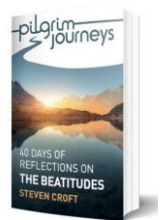
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at the end of the downstairs corridor.
Our welcomers have the key to the front door.*

Summer Study Group

*NB: No Beatitudes next Thursday – the sessions resume on Thursday 15th August, 10.45 for 11 am after midweek Communion, and continue for two more weeks after that. **It's not too late to join in!***



Did you ever wonder how St. John's is kept clean and tidy?

Working behind the scenes is a team called 'The Cobwebs'.

The team is getting smaller in number so there is now an opportunity to join it and help out.

The job consists of a bit of tidying, dusting, hoovering, floor cleaning and porch sweeping. The more volunteers the less there is for each person to do. You can do as much or as little as you like – and as the church is open every day, fit it in when you can.

Speak to me or Paul if you feel you can help out.

Ann Beck