



St John the Evangelist

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

6th April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

10.00 SUNG EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Revd. Duncan McCosh

Hymn 393

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

PREPARATION

(page 1, blue service book)

Collect

Merciful God,

look upon your family as we travel to the foot
of the cross:

and, by your great goodness, guide us in body;
that, by your protection,

we may also be preserved in heart and mind;
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:

Isaiah 43:16 – 21 *(p.699, pew Bible)*

Psalms 126

**The Lord has done great things for us, and
we are glad indeed.**

Hymn 370

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Gospel:

John 12:1 – 8

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Peace

(pages 4 – 6)

Hymn 358 Father of heaven, whose love profound

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

(page 7, then page 20, 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 (c) on page 30:*

Communion **“Loving God ...”**

Hymn 398 Lift up your hearts!

Dismissal

We pray especially today for

Grace Lancaster, Linda Grant, Elizabeth Bentley

Dear Friends and People of God,

It is Passion Sunday today, and we are with Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. On the way Jesus stops by with his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair.

An act of service and friendship, an act of deeply felt love. Today, I invite us all to think again: Where can I as an individual and we as a church community, this week and beyond, come closer to other people? Where can I, where can we be of service? Where can I, where can we display this love, which has its beginning and its end in the love of God. Where can I, where can we display that love, in our lives, in our worship of God, and towards other people?

Judas Ischariot said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?”

Words of malice, words of envy. Here too, I invite us to think again: Where do I, where do we tend to look at things from the wrong perspective or with the wrong motivation? Where have I, where have we been envious or impatient? Where do I, where do we stuff into our pockets more than we need and let others go without? Where am I, where are we not able to join in laughter and love with others?

Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial."

Words of boundless understanding, words of patience, acceptance and compassion - from the one who is Love and Truth and Life incarnate. I invite us to think again: Where can I, where can we accept somebody's service to me/us? Where can I, where can we open ourselves to meet the other? Where can I, where can we open ourselves to a future, which we might not be able to control fully? Where can I, where can we open ourselves to God's love who wants to make all things new?

"The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume."

I rather like this detail of the story, because it stirs my imagination. The perfume's fragrance filling the house and lingering becomes for me a symbol of the beauty and joy of our loving relationship with Jesus which lingers and fills our lives with fullness and meaning.

And this lingering fragrance of the perfume makes me, too, think of the sweetness of deeds of loving-kindness. We never know how our acts of loving extravagance and spontaneous generosity will influence others. Who knows, these acts of loving extravagance and spontaneous generosity may even change the Church and the world.

With my love and prayers: Andi

Discipleship



What about a Spiritual MOT for Lent?

Revd Andi is available by appointment to meet for a Pastoral conversation, for Prayer and Anointing, or to hear Confession if you wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- ✓ The last session of Our **Lent Course** – ‘Live Lent: Embracing Justice’ – is next Thursday morning, 10th April, following the midweek communion, starting at 11.00. All welcome!
- ✓ Abbey Consort performs **Viva Vivaldi!** at St. Andrew’s, Kelso this afternoon at 3.00pm: £15



Priest-in-Charge

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