



# St John the Evangelist

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

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Easter Day**

**10.00 EUCHARIST**

*Celebrant: **Revd. Canon Susan Macdonald***

*Preacher: **Paul Beck***

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## WELCOME

**Processional Hymn 103**      Alleluya! Alleluya!

**Confession, Gloria,** *(page 2 and 3, blue service book)*

**Collect for Easter Day**

Almighty God, who, through your Son, Jesus Christ, have overcome death and opened the gates of eternal life: grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of his resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading      *Acts 10:34 – 43*      *(pew Bibles, p.138)*

Psalm 118      **This is the day which the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Gradual Hymn 115**

Now the green blade riseth

Gospel John 20:1 – 18

Sermon

**Profession of Faith and Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

Do you believe in God the Creator, who made the world?

**I believe.**

Do you believe in God the Saviour, who redeemed humanity?

**I believe.**

Do you believe in God the Sanctifier, who gives life to God's people?

**I believe.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe in one God, Creator, Saviour and Sanctifier. Amen.**

As disciples of Christ will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed, serving Christ in all people?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you work for justice and peace, honouring God in all Creation?

**With the help of God, I will.**

This is the task of the Church.

**This is our task; to live and work for the kingdom of God.**

## Intercessions

Peace (*page 6, blue service book*)

Offertory Hymn 121      This joyful Eastertide

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## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

(*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 or guide the chalice themselves. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine).*

Prayer after Communion

We use prayer (b) on page 30:

**“Father of all ...”**

Hymn 117      The Day of Resurrection

Blessing and Dismissal

***We pray especially today for***  
Grace Lancaster, Linda Grant, Elizabeth Bentley

**Dear Friends and people of God, dear Easter People,**

Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.’* Peter’s words from our reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Said in response to his own mind being blown right open by God’s desire to bring all the nations home to him.

Today we celebrate the end of fear! Today we celebrate an empty tomb! Today we celebrate that death holds no longer any power over us. Today we celebrate Jesus, our life and our salvation.

They had taken His lifeless body from the cross and carried it into the tomb. But on the third day, He rose again, the victorious Son of God – just as Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and the other women find visiting the tomb, the stone rolled away and the tomb empty, idle talk for some; just as Peter finds running to the tomb, stooping and looking in, seeing the linen cloths by themselves...

We, too, this morning, have an empty tomb, a broken seal, a stone rolled away from the door of the grave. We won't find the bones of the Son of God anywhere! He lives and He reigns to all eternity! This turns night into day, despair into hope, and death into life. For alleluia, Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, alleluia.

God's angel rolls the stone away not to let Jesus out - but to let us in - to allow us to see that Christ's promises are true, for alleluia, he is risen! Those same words that echoed and re-echoed in that Easter tomb still fill the emptiness of our world today: He is risen, indeed, alleluia.

The tomb has become a trumpet proclaiming the victory of life over death, and the continuation of Christ's presence and mission in this world - first in Jerusalem, and then to the ends of the earth.

***With my love and prayers for abundant Easter joy to you and yours: Andi***

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Priest-in-Charge

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

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