



St John the Evangelist

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

3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00 EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Revd. Duncan McCosh

Hymn 235

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

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)

1st reading:

Acts 7.55-60

(p.134, pew Bible)

Psalm 31

vv.1-5,15-16

**Let your face shine on your servants,
and we shall be saved**

Hymn 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Gospel: John 14.1-14 (p. 116, pew Bible)

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Peace

Hymn 115 Now the green blade riseth

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

(page 7, then page 23,)

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).*

Prayers after Give thanks to our Gracious God:

Communion **Whose mercy endures for ever.**

We say prayer (b) on page 30, “Father of all..”

Hymn 495 God is working his purpose out

Blessing and Dismissal

We pray especially today for

Linda Grant, Elizabeth Bentley and Gerard Henry

Dear Friends and People of God,

Today’s Gospel from John 14.1-14 was used in the weekday lectionary on Friday (for saints Philip and James) and yesterday as well. Last Sunday we had a Gospel reading from John 10 in which Jesus says about himself ‘I am the gate’. And if we had read on just one verse more, we would have read him say ‘I am the Good Shepherd of the sheep’, too.

And now in today's Gospel reading we have another 'I am' - Word from Jesus: 'I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

These 'I am'-Words are unique to John's Gospel, and Jesus uses them to speak about different aspects of himself as God's Son who has come into the world. He is the Light of the World, he is the Bread of Life, he is the True Vine, he is the Good Shepherd, he is the Gate, he is the Resurrection and the Life. And he is, as we read today, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

I think it's a beautiful and helpful way, how Jesus talks about himself. It links back to the revelation of the Old Testament God to Moses as he said, 'I am the 'I am' ' or 'I AM WHO I AM' (Exodus 3.13-15).

And using these different images helps us relate to Jesus at different times in our lives. When we are in darkness, we need Jesus as the Light. When we are hungry for food and for direction, Jesus feeds us. When we offer ourselves to God's service, Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, called to bear fruit in his name. When we go astray, he is the Good Shepherd seeking us out. When we stand at the door and knock, he is the gate to let us in. When we are in fear for our lives, he promises us resurrection. When we search for the way or for what is real and true, he is there as Way, Truth and Life.

Why not think about these words, these 'I am'-Words, and let them grow in your hearts and minds and souls today and in the week to come. God bless you.

With my love and prayers: Andi

<p>The toilet is behind the Church: turn right out of the main door and follow the path round to the other side of the building.</p>

Priest-in-Charge

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**Please continue to pray for our Bishop Elect Dagmar
as she prepares to move to Edinburgh,
and be Installed as Bishop of this Diocese at 11am
on Saturday 30th May in St Mary's Cathedral.**

**ST JOHN'S CONGREGATION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED
10 TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
ATTEND PLEASE CONTACT ANDI andihofb@gmail.com
OR SUSAN ancrumssusie@gmail.com ASAP
AS TICKETS NOT REQUIRED NEED TO BE
RETURNED TO THE DIOCESAN OFFICE BY 13 MAY**

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 21st May Vestry Meeting

Saturday 23rd May Messy Church 10.30am-12noon
in Kenmore Hall when we will be
singing, crafting and praying around
Pentecost. All welcome.

**If you would like to volunteer to help
on the day please contact Andi.**