

Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs
Easter 7 16th May 2021

We welcome Martin Sofield who will lead us in worship today

Collect

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said,

16 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus –

17 for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.

21 So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.'

23 So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

24 Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen

25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.'

26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

6 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

Notices

Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May 2021

Many thanks for your support at the Bring and Buy sale, £2160 was raised. Still a chance to support Christian Aid by giving online here - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/largscaw2021>
Paper Envelopes will be distributed to each church as normal also.
Any support will be hugely appreciated!

Volunteers for church grounds work All tools will be supplied, and this will only involve your time and patience:) Mark Yeomans is coordinating this work and he will also attend at times which are suitable to volunteers, Monday through Friday.

Anyone who is available for a few hours "fresh air and keep fit", please contact Mark on: 07533 182150 by phone or text alternatively, email myeomans@skelmorlie.net

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