

Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs
Pentecost 7 Sunday 11th July 2021

Interm Priest We welcome Revd. Canon Sandy Montgomerie to lead us in worship today.

Hymns *

587 Amazing grace [Amazing Grace (New Britain)]

450 Jesus calls us here to meet him [Jesus Calls Us (Lewis Folk Melody)]

775 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

807 Thine for ever! God of love [Newington]

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

7 This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

8 And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;

9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."

12 And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there;

13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,

15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

14 King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.'

15 But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.'

16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.

18 For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'

19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,

20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.'

23 And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.'

24 She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.'

25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.'

26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Prayer after Communion

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Notices

*Singing will be allowed from behind our masks when our area moves from Level 2 to Level 1 as this has not yet happened we will have to sing in our heads only.

Work party this Saturday. 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

Donations to the church - If you wish to contribute towards our costs, please look at our [website](#) for different ways to do this.

The July magazine is available at back of church or on line here. <https://largs-church.co.uk/magazines/>. We are issuing a July and August magazine to keep you up to date with our search for a new rector. The deadline for the August magazine is the 18th of July please send any contributions to Gib.

We have Rev Tim Turnley coming on Sunday 25th July from the Mission to Seafarers, if you knit or know of any knitters in Largs able to make hats for seafarers please ask them and bring to church that Sunday. Knitting patterns for simple neck warmers and scarves also on their website. <http://www.mtss.scot/donate/wooly-hats/>

You Tube, Facebook and Website

You can view the Sunday Gospel and sermon on our [You Tube](#) page and other links are put on our St Columba's [Facebook](#) page. Please join our church [website mailing list](#) so you do not miss out on the latest updates.

Volunteers required for the Living Room project.

Volunteers who are passionate about helping the community and are good listeners are being sought for the Living Room project which aims to help anyone who has problems. The project is based in the shop in Aitken Street that used to be SpecSavers. Volunteers who have 3 or 4 hours a month will be given all necessary training. If you are interested email livingroomlargs@icloud.com or drop in and see them.