

***Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs***  
***Advent 3 Sunday 12th December 2021***

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

**Mass Setting St Anne by Macmillan**

**Hymns**

38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding  
815 Thy kingdom come  
358 Be still for the presence of the Lord  
818 To God be the glory

**Collect**

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him 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 Zephaniah.**

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!  
15 The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.  
16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.  
17 The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing  
18 as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
19 I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.  
20 At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?  
8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.  
9 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'  
10 And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?'  
11 In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'  
12 Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?'  
13 He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.'  
14 Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'  
15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,  
16 John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.  
17 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'  
18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Notices**

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

### **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

The December/January issue of the magazine is now available online or at the back of the church

### **Help with Christmas Flowers**

Joan and Hilary would appreciate some help to make our Christmas arrangements for under windows, so they are ready for 9 lessons and carols. We are meeting on Wednesday 15th in the hall at 10.30am. If you could bring some cut holly or seasonal leaves that would be a help too.

### **Our Christmas Services and events**

#### **Sunday 19th December 6.30pm 9 Lessons and Carols**

#### **Christmas Eve**

**4pm Christingle Service** for all the family

A joyful - fun filled Christmas Service. Bring your children and grandchildren

**11pm Holy Communion**

**Christmas Day** 10am Holy Communion

#### **Christmas Congregational Lunch Sunday 16th January**

Please join us for a 2 course lunch at The Woodhouse Hotel after 12 md. £20 per person, please make your food choice and pay ahead by 9th January. List in the porch or email Hilary.

Revd Harriet Johnston will be licensed as Priest in Charge at Holy Trinity Church Kilmarnock on **Sunday 12th December at 3:00pm.**

Everyone is welcome to attend this service.

#### **Christian Aid**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December collection buckets will be in Morrison's and a table with information about Christian Aid will be in the entrance.

Christmas Carols Singalong **Sunday** 19th December 2pm-3pm

In Clark Memorial Church Entry by Donation.

#### **Largs Churches Together**

LCT are organising a Christmas lunch on Christmas Day for all people in Largs who are lonely.

Tasha and Steve from the church of the Nazarene are heading the team. The lunch will be a buffet held in the Dunn Memorial Hall doors open 1:30pm Buffet will start at 2pm . Anyone interested should leave the name with Largs resilience team on 01475 789585

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help at this lunch should contact Rae on 07926375708 or [christmas@largsnaz.org](mailto:christmas@largsnaz.org).