

Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs
Fourth Sunday of Easter 8th May 2022

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today.
The Service is led by the Rev'd Mark Goodman, Rector of St. Columba's.

Hymns

748 O Jesus I have promised

790 Teach me my God and King

669 I heard the voice of Jesus say

814 Thy hand O God

During Communion Choir: Laudate Omnes Gentes (Taize)

Mass setting St. Anne (Macmillan)

Collect

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 9: 36-41.

Peter in Lydda and Joppa

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

A reading from the Book of Revelation Chapter 7: 9-17.

The Multitude from Every Nation

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they

come from?' ¹⁴ I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 10: 22-30 (Sung response)

Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Notices

Christian Aid Week 14th to 22nd May

CAW starts with a service at St John's on Sunday 15th at 6.30pm.

CAW Quiz Night at Largs Bowling Club, Douglas Street on Thursday 19th May 6.30 for 7.00pm
(Bar and Raffle £5 per ticket- tables of 4, available Clark Mem. Office each morning or from CA reps.)

CAW Coffee Morning on 21st May in Dunn Memorial Hall 10-12 (home baking welcome.)

Ascension Day Service 26th May St. Ninian's Troon 7.30pm

(Choir rehearsal 6.00-7.00pm)

Services from 1st June

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8.00am Eucharist; 11.00am Eucharist; Sunday@5 5.00pm

Donations to the church

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