

St. Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Broughty Ferry



26 October 2025_{CE}



Pentecost 20 [Green]

Hymns: GA-609, GR-823, OF-128, & SE-826

The Collect

O Lord, in your mercy: grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen!

The First Reading

Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-22 (*in prose*)

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its saviour in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveller turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore, the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonour your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

The Second Reading

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and all the Gentiles might hear it. So, I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel Reading **Luke 18.1-8**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Please hold the following Members & Friends in your personal prayers:

John Dolan, Margaret Christison, David Stanley, Peter Alexander, Abby Parkhouse
& all who are sick, ill or convalescing at home...

Weekly Notices

- † Our recent Vestments Lecture can be viewed on our YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@SMBF-SEC>
- † Seeking New Lesson Readers: different readers for different voices in our Bible readings!
Please ask for more info!
- † Please welcome Mrs. Patricia Wells as our new **Bookkeeper** and future **Treasurer**!
The prayers of the St. Mary's faithful are indeed powerful; God bless you all *and Trish!*
- † Website - <https://www.smbfsec.com/>
- † Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbroughtyferry>
- † St. Mary's is hosting the next World Day of Prayer – 6 March 2026; please mark your diaries and support us if you can...