

PENTECOST 4

17 June 2018



Eaglais Easbaigeach na h-Alba san Eilean Dubh
The Scottish Episcopal Church on the Black Isle

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RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE WHO IS BAPTISED is welcome to share with us in Communion at all services. There is no need to be a member of the Episcopal Church.

Please feel free to celebrate with us.

If you are not baptised or would prefer, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing (simply come forward with hands together and head bowed as a sign to the priest).

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Readers & Intercessors:

St J: Family / Family / Bridie G / Donald G

St A: Angus F / Ann B / Alison B / Joan D

+ **The First Reading : Ezekiel 17:22-24**

+ **Psalms 92 (verses)**

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord!

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord!

And to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

To tell of your loving-kindness

early in the morning

and of your faithfulness in the night season;

On the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord!

For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;
and I shout for joy because
of the works of your hands.

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord!

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
Those who are planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord!

They shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;
That they may show how upright the Lord is,
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord!

+ **Second Reading : 2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

Gradual Hymn/Acclamation

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL : Mark 4:26-34**

PRAYER REQUESTS

For grace to be Jesus' hands, feet, voice, eyes & heart
in the world...that we all may LIVE and BE the GOOD
NEWS.

OUR WORLD

Give thanks for the meeting between the US and N
Korea...for N Korea's agreement to denuclearize and
for the US & other nations of follow. For the people
of Guatemala...especially those dear to us. For all who
have died & those injured by terrorism... For justice &
peace the world over. For an end to hatred in all its
forms. For our fellow Christians and all who are
persecuted for their faith.

OUR COMMUNION

Pray for the peace and unity of the Church. Pray for
our brothers and sisters of the Church of Myanmar :
Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo.

OUR DIOCESE

For Mark, our Bishop and for our brothers and sisters
of St John's, Forres. Pray for our sister Dioceses
(Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry,
Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FAMILY & FRIENDS

For all who serve in the Fire & Rescue Service of the
Black Isle & throughout the Highlands. For Katherine
Waters & Marvin Fullerton to be married in St
Andrew's on Wednesday 4 July. For Ben Callanan &
Angela Boyle to be married in St Andrew's on Friday
6 July. For Cameron M. For A & all battling
addictions. For Diana S & all battling cancer. For R
& all living with OCD. For Teenie. For Ann & Ray
N. For Marjorie T. For Tom McC. For Mark W &
loved ones. For Dorothy & Trevor W. For Janet S
and all who are discerning their vocation. For Louise

& Hayden J. For those whose marriages are struggling. Pray for our Sunday Club in St Regulus'. For our Teen Gatherings. For Karen & her family in Guatemala. For James and his work in Biblical translation in Nigeria. For all we know to be in need of our prayers.

A DAILY PRAYER for the WEEK

Let us lift up our hearts in thankfulness to God our Father, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual gift.

– *Lord, bless your people.*

Father, look on Bishop Mark, and all Christian leaders with love: sustain their faith, their love, and their courage.

– *Lord, bless your people.*

Almighty God, we pray for our country: may it promote justice and brother/sisterhood in the world.

– *Lord, bless your people.*

We pray for all people in their need: let your loving presence be known to them, bless and uphold them.

– *Lord, bless your people.*

We pray for all who live the Christian life:

Father, look on them with kindness, and see in them the face of your beloved Son.

– *Lord, bless your people.*

Remember those who have consecrated themselves to serve you in the religious life: enrich them in their poverty, love them in their chastity, lighten their hearts in obedience to you.

– *Lord, bless your people.*

Give rest to those who have died in Christ: for with you there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

– *Lord, bless your people.*

In a moment of silence, call to mind the concerns of your own heart and lift them up to God.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

12:15 Eucharist in Inverness Cathedral

TUESDAY

4:00pm Fr Mel with Cromarty piperlings.

7:00pm Eucharist in St Regulus'

WEDNESDAY

10:00am – Study Group in the Rectory

10:00am-1:00pm : CHARITY SHOP

3:30pm : Fr Mel with Fortrose/Rosemarkie piperlings

THURSDAY

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's

3:30pm : Fr Mel with Fortrose/Rosemarkie piperlings.

SATURDAY

10:00am – 1:00pm : CHARITY SHOP

NEXT SUNDAY – 24 JUNE

PENTECOST 5

EUCCHARIST

8am & 11:30am in St Andrew's

9:45am in St John's

9:45am in St Regulus'

EVENSONG

No Evensong as event in Dornoch Cathedral
(Job 38:1-11 / Ps 107 / 2 Cor 6:1-13 / Mk -41)

Readers & Intercessors:

St J: Alan D / Isla C / Ann D / Mairi M

St A: Anne B / Alison B / Joan D / Alison G

Saint Florian, Patron of Firefighters

(c. 250-304 A.D.) was a commander in the Roman army serving under the Emperor Diocletian in present-day Austria. Among his duties was the organization of firefighting brigades. He was secretly a Christian and became famous for miraculously saving a town from being destroyed by fire; after he prayed and threw a single bucket of water on the blaze, it was extinguished.



Word reached the Emperor that he was not enforcing the ban against Christianity in his territory, and under investigation he was found to be a Christian. He was then condemned to be tortured and executed for his Christian faith. Refusing to recant his faith, St. Florian was flayed alive and martyred by being dumped into the river.

His body was later recovered and today his relics rest at a church named for him in Kraków, Poland. St. Florian is the patron saint of firefighters, chimney-sweeps, brewers, drowning victims, and of Austria and Poland. He is often invoked when in danger of floods, fires, and battles. St. Florian's feast day is May 4th.

A Prayer for Firefighters

Oh, Almighty God, whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe, watch over all Firefighters. Protect them from harm in the performance of their duty to fight fire, save lives, and preserve property. We pray, help them to keep our homes and all buildings safe day and night. We recommend them to Your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Grant them Your unending strength and courage in their daily assignments. Dear God, protect these brave persons. Grant them Your Almighty protection and unite them safely with their families after duty has ended. Amen.