

HARVEST SUNDAY

23 September 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 : Mairi M / Isla C / Donald G / Bridie G

St A : Helen K / Heather I / Louise J / Dorothy W

+ **The First Reading : Joel 2:21-27**

+ **Psalm 100**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise! Alleluia!

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go into his courts with praise! Alleluia!

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise! Alleluia!

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise! Alleluia!

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and call upon his name.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise! Alleluia!

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise! Alleluia!

+ **Second Reading : Philippians 4:4-9**

Gradual Hymn/Acclamation

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL : John 6:25-35**

SOME THANKSGIVING PRAYERS for the HARVEST

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast watered our fields with the dew of heaven, and poured out upon us the former and the latter rain, according to our need, and hast reserved unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest: We bless and praise thee that, in love to thy children, thou hast at this season bestowed upon us such an abundant supply for all our necessities. Grant that we may never be destitute of those better gifts which nourish and enrich the soul. Pour down, we beseech thee, upon us thy heavenly grace, and endue us with the gifts of thy Holy Spirit, that we may bring forth abundant fruits to thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOST merciful Father, who of thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of thy Church, and hast blessed the farms, farmers and fisherfolk of our Isle and hast granted us to gather in their season the kindly fruits of the earth, and the harvest of the seas: We give thee humble thanks for this thy bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving-kindness towards us, that our land may yield her increase; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. This prayer may be used when the harvest has been defective. Amen.

God of freedom, as we give thanks that have you brought your people out of slavery with a mighty hand and gave them a law of love and justice. We also pray, deliver us from every temptation to be satisfied with false imitations of your will: with talk of peace that masks the face of war, and thanks for plenty that leaves the poor unfed. We pray for the coming of your kingdom, founded in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray...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

For justice and peace in the Holy Land and, indeed, 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 Anglican Church of Tanzania : Archbishop Jacob Erasto Chimeleyda.

OUR DIOCESE

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

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Dorothy. For Anne Maria. For Loretta & loved ones. For A. For Cameron M., Diana S. For R. For Teenie. For Ann & Ray N. For Marjorie T. For Tom McC. For Mark W & loved ones. For Janet S as she studies for ordination. For Louise & Hayden J. For those whose relationships / 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

God our Father has bound himself to us in an everlasting covenant. In thankfulness and faith, we pray to him:

– *Lord, bless your people!*

In Christ you have given a new covenant to men: may they know the greatness which they have inherited.

– *Lord, bless your people!*

Gather into one all who bear the name of Christian, that the world may believe in the Christ you have sent.

– *Lord, bless your people!*

Pour out your love on our friends, and on all whom we know; may they carry with them the gentleness of Christ.

– *Lord, bless your people!*

Comfort the dying; may they know your saving love.

– *Lord, bless your people!*

Show your mercy to the dead; may they find their rest in Christ.

– *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

12:15pm : Eucharist in Inverness Cathedral
(St Adamnan)

TUESDAY

3:30 – 6pm : Fr Mel with Cromarty piperlings
7:00pm : Eucharist in St Regulus' (St Finnbarr)

WEDNESDAY

10:00am-1:00pm : CHARITY SHOP
10:00am : Rectory Study Group (Epistle of James is the current topic)
3:30 – 6pm : Fr Mel with Fortrose & Munloch
Piperlings

THURSDAY

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's
(St Vincent de Paul)
3:30- 6pm : Fr Mel with Fortrose piperlings

FRIDAY

10:00am : Assembly in Cromarty Primary

SATURDAY

10:00am – Eucharist in St Andrew's
(St Michael & All Angels)
10:00am – 1:00pm : CHARITY SHOP

NEXT SUNDAY : 30 SEPTEMBER FIFTH SUNDAY GATHERING

In

SAINT REGULUS', CROMARTY EUCCHARIST at 11:00am

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH TO FOLLOW

Next Week's Readers & Intercessors

St Reg : Server / Eucharistic Min / Psalm leader

St Jn : First Reader / Eucharistic Minister

St And : Second Reader & Intercessor

(Num 11:4-6,10-16,24-29 / Ps 19 / Jas 5:13-20 /
Mk 9:38-50)

HUGE THANKS

To all who contributed to welcome the L'Arche folk, both to Cromarty and to St Andrew's. What a lovely time we ALL had!!!

FR MEL on HOLIDAY

I will be heading off to Canada to bury my Mum's ashes and baptise my great nephew!

I will be away later on 30 Sept and back 24 Oct.
In my absence, the Rev'd Christine Mylne will be in charge.



GIVE THANKS TO
THE LORD,
FOR HE IS
GRACIOUS
AND HIS MERCY
ENDURES
FOR EVER.