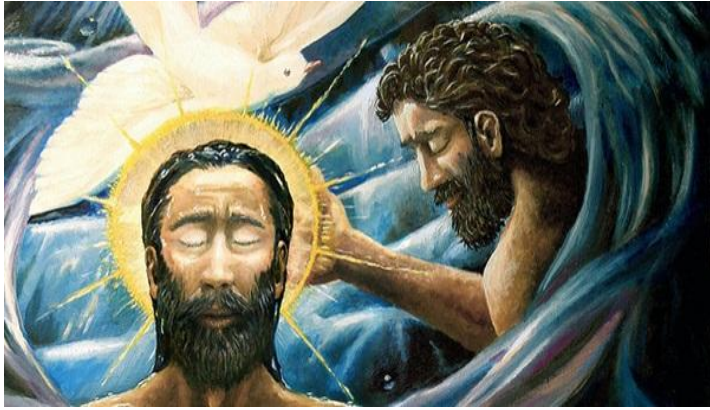


The BAPTISM of our LORD

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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

+ **The First Reading : Isaiah 43:1-7**

+ **Psalm 29**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD

is upon the waters;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD

is upon the waters;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the LORD

is upon the waters;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD

is upon the waters;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.

The voice of the LORD

is upon the waters;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

And in the temple of the LORD

all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people;
the LORD shall give his people
the blessing of peace.

The voice of the LORD

is upon the waters;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

+ **Second Reading : Acts 8:14-17**

Gradual Hymn/Acclamation

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL : Luke 3:15-17,21-22**

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 the situation between Ukraine & Russia. For
justice and peace in Yemen, 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 Church of
Australia : Archbishop Philip Leslie Freier,
Primate.

OUR DIOCESE

For all who are studying for Ordination or
Readership...for their instructors & all who

support them. For Mark, our Bishop and for our brothers and sisters who work in & support our Foodbanks...and for all whom the benefit. For the Highlands Supports Refugees and all who help. For our brothers & sisters of Gordonstoun School. Pray for our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FAMILY & FRIENDS

For June. For Roberta. For Ania & Krystian. For Fr Arthur & Julia. For Brian. For Helen. For Paul & Family. For Dorothy. For Loretta & loved ones. For Cameron M., For Diana S. For R. 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

Let us pray to our Redeemer who humbled himself to receive baptism at the hands of John.

– *Lord, send us your Spirit.*

Christ, servant of the Father and pleasing to him, send forth your Spirit among us.

– *Lord, send us your Spirit.*

Chosen One of God, you did not break the crushed reed nor quench the wavering flame: let all people know your compassion for our world of weakness.

– *Lord, send us your Spirit.*

You were anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our Saviour; lead everyone to believe in you and so come to eternal life.

– *Lord, send us your Spirit.*

You are God's light to the nations; open the eyes of the blind in the baptismal waters of the new covenant.

– *Lord, send us your Spirit.*

You are the hope of all peoples; receive the faithful departed into your heavenly kingdom.

– *Lord, send us your Spirit.*

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

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

12:15pm : Eucharist in St Andrew's Cathedral

TUESDAY

3:30pm : Fr Mel with Cromarty children

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/Avoch & Munloch children

THURSDAY

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's

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

SATURDAY

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

NEXT SUNDAY : 20 JANUARY

EPIPHANY 2

Eucharist

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

9:45am in St Regulus'

9:45am in St John's

EVENSONG

4:30pm in St Andrew's

(Is 62:1-5 / Ps 36 / 1 Cor 12:1-11 / Jn 2:1-11)

STUFF TO PONDER

GODPARENT (Presenter) PROMISES

Godparents & Parents, as those who will love and care for _____, and you three, yourselves, will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

Presenter(s): With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed (example), serving Christ in all people?

Presenter(s): With the help of God, I will.

Will you work for justice and peace, honouring God in all Creation?

Presenter(s): With the help of God, I will.

The president addresses the whole congregation

This is the task of the Church.

**ALL: This is our task:
to live and work for the kingdom of God.**

PRAYER FOR ONE'S GODCHILD

Heavenly Father,
thank you for the gift of [child's name]
and for all the joy she/he brings us.

Be with her/him on her/his Christian journey
so she/he may come to know our Lord Jesus Christ
as Saviour and friend. Amen.

A THANKSGIVING FOR BEING A GODPARENT

God of light and love, thank you for the joy of being a godparent, and the opportunities it gives us to journey with our godchildren as they grow in faith. Keep us faithful to the promises we have made to pray for them, and to encourage them to deepen their relationship with you. Help us to be a prayerful, supportive and loving presence in the lives of our godchildren, and to model to them a life rooted in you, the way, the truth and the life. Amen.