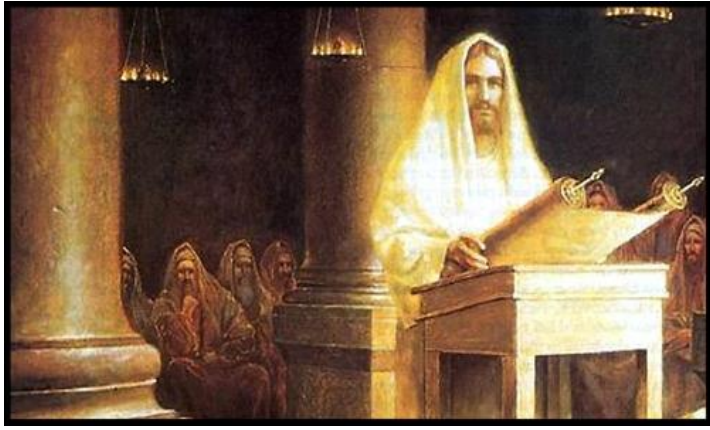


THIRD SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

27 January 2019



**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

Today's Readers & Intercessors

St J : Donald G / Jackie M / Mairi M / Bridie G

St A : Alison B / Joan D / Alison G / Dorothy W

+ **The First Reading : Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10**

+ **Psalm 19 (Verses)**

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

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The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands,

and their message to the ends of the world.

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the LORD

is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

+ **Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

Gradual Hymn/Acclamation

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL : Luke 4:14-21**

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 Igreja Episcopal
Anglicana do Brasil The Most Revd Naudal Alves
Gomes - Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba

OUR DIOCESE

For all who are studying for Ordination or
Readership...for their instructors & all who
support them. For Mark, our Bishop. For
Inverness Street Pastors. For our brothers & sisters
of Christ Church, Huntly; Holy Trinity, Keith;
Gordon Chapel, Fochabers; St. Michael, Dufftown
and St. Marnan's, Aberchirder. 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

God is ever creative. God's love renews all things and is the source of our hope. Let us turn to God in confidence:

– *Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.*

We give thanks for the order of created things: you have blessed us with the resources of the earth and the gift of human life.

– *Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.*

We give thanks for humankind's share in your continuing work of creation: we praise you for your gifts to us of inventive skill and creative vision.

– *Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.*

We pray for all the nations of the world: may those in authority work for peace and goodwill among men.

– *Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.*

We pray for all who are homeless today: we pray for families searching for a place to live, and for refugees driven from their homeland.

– *Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.*

Life was your first gift to us: may those who have died come to its fullness in you.

– *Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.*

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

**NO TUESDAY EUCHARIST IN ST REG
TILL MARCH**

WEDNESDAY

10:00am : Study Group in the Rectory

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

3:30pm : Fr Mel with Fortrose/Avoch & Munlochy children

THURSDAY

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's

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

FRIDAY

**6:00pm : Candlemas Celebration with our young people...in St Andrew's.
Everyone welcome!**

**If you have candles you'd like blessed,
bring them along!**

SATURDAY

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

NEXT SUNDAY : 3 FEBRUARY FOURTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

Eucharist

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

9:45am in St Regulus'

9:45am in St John's

EVENSONG

NO EVENSONG on the 3 Feb.

**Special Choral Evensong with installation of new
Canons in St Andrew's Cathedral at 5:30pm**

READERS & INTERCESSORS

St J : Diana M / Gail S / Alan D / Donald G

St A : Michael H / Anna G / Angus F / Simon S

(Jer 1:4-10 / Ps 71 / 1 Cor 13:1-13 / Lk 4:21-30)

LOVE LIFE : A Reflection on Vocation

by a Monk of the Episcopalian

Society of Saint John the Evangelist

The Gospel of John is book-ended by scenes of vocation or calling: In John 1, Jesus calls two of John the Baptist's disciples to "Come and see"; in John 21, the Risen Christ invites Peter, saying "Follow me." The key position and importance given to these scenes reveals how paramount the sense of being called and chosen was to the community who gathered together to remember and commemorate their experiences of Christ. "You have not chosen me," Jesus tells his disciples, "but I have chosen you."

Jesus has chosen each and every one of us. Everyone has a vocation. This vocation is not equivalent to our career or our business card, though for some people, their vocation might be related to their career path. Rather, our vocation is the unique life to which we are called as children of God. It encompasses our relationships, our talents, the whole of our identities. The only constant in vocation is that it is other-oriented. "I give you a new commandment," Jesus says, "love one another." We can express this vocation to love in our work, in our relationships, or in our world. One way to step into this larger sense of vocation is to ask yourself: What do I love to do? What makes me feel passionately alive? Where do I respond deeply to the needs and desires of others? God does not shout and God does not force us in helping us grow into our vocations. Often, our desire and our joy can be a very good indication of where God might be leading us. Jesus is in that joy, beckoning us forward toward larger life, saying, "Follow me."