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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). +++

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

+ The First Reading : Isaiah 60:1-6

+ Psalm 72:1-4, 10-14

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

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Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,

and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper. He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

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+ Second Reading : Ephesians 3:1-12

Gradual Hymn/Acclamation

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL : Matthew 2:1-12

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 in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia The Most Revd Philip Richardson - Bishop of Taranaki and Primate The Most Revd Don Tamihere - Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate The Most Revd Fereimi Cama - Bishop of Polynesia and 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 St Andrew's, Tain ; St Finnbarr's, Dornoch ; St Maelrubha's, Lairg. Pray for our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Terry, Bill & Family on the death of Terry's sister, Anne Maria...and for the peaceful repose of Anne Maria. 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

Today the Magi knelt before our Saviour. Let us also worship him with great joy, and pray:

- Lord, save us in our need.

King of nations, the wise men came from the East to worship you: grant us the true spirit of adoration and submission.

- Lord, save us in our need.

King of glory, your people look to you for judgement: grant an abundance of peace to our world.

- Lord, save us in our need.

King of ages, your word is ever powerful: may it penetrate our hearts and lives today.

-Lord, save us in our need.

King of justice, show your love for the poor and the powerless; strengthen those who are suffering.

-Lord, save us in our need.

King of heaven, hope of all who trust in you; give to the faithful departed the wonders of your salvation.

- Lord, save us in our need.

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 TUESDAY7:00pm : Eucharist in St Regulus'

WEDNESDAY

10:00am : Study Group in the Rectory 10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop **THURSDAY**

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's

SATURDAY

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

NEXT SUNDAY : 13 JANUARY BAPTISM of the LORD 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 43:1-7 / Ps 29 / Acts 8:14-17 / Lk 3:15-17,21-22)

THE YEAR OF GRACE 2019

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of His return.

Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum - the Holy Passover of the Lord: His Last Supper, His Crucifixion and Death, His Burial, and His Rising, celebrated between the evening of the **18th of April (Maundy Thursday)** and the evening of the **21st of April (Easter Sunday)**.

Each Easter, as on each Sunday, in the celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

On the 6th of March

the holy season of Lent will begin with the penitential fast of **Ash Wednesday**.

The holy Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the 30^{th} of May.

The **Day of Pentecost**, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on Sunday the **9th of June**.

The **Feast of the Most Holy Trinity** will be celebrated on Sunday the **16th of June.**

The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ will be celebrated on Thursday the 20th of June.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To that end, **The Feast of Saint John the Evangelist** will be celebrated on its Eve - **Sunday the 5th of May. The Feast of Saint Regulus** will be celebrated on its Eve – **Wednesday 16th of October** and **The Feast of Saint Andrew** will be celebrated on its Eve - **Friday the 29th of November.** Sunday the 1st of December will mark the beginning

of the holy season of **Advent** and we will beginning of the holy season of **Advent** and we will begin await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ as we prepare to celebrate his holy Birth...to Him be glory no and for ever. Amen.