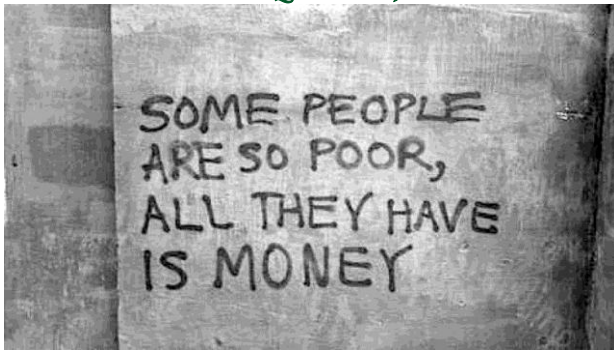


PENTECOST 8

4 August 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

Readers & Intercessors

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

St A : Betty M / Simon Spence / Ramsay M / Joan D

+ **First Reading : Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14;2:18-23**

+ **Psalm 49:1-4**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart
shall meditate on understanding.**

Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world,
you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.

**My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart
shall meditate on understanding.**

I will incline my ear to a proverb

and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those
at my heels surrounds me.

**My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart
shall meditate on understanding.**

+ **Second Reading : Colossians 3:1-11**

Gradual Hymn / Alleluia

+ **The Holy Gospel : Luke 12:12-21**

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 peaceful relieving of tensions between the UK, US and Iran. For the peace and stability of the UK & for the guidance of the Spirit for our leaders. For justice and peace in Yemen, the Holy Land and, indeed, the world over. For an end to terrorism and 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 & sisters of the Church in South East Asia : Archbishop Ng Moon Hing.

OUR DIOCESE

For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Jean, Janet, Gemma, Susan, Peter, Jaime, Sandra and all who are studying for Ordination or Readership...for their instructors & all who support them. For Mark, our Bishop. For our brothers & sisters of St John's, Rothiemurchus & St Columba's, Grantown on Spey. For Inverness Street Pastors. For our brothers & sisters of throughout the Diocese. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FAMILY & FRIENDS

For the soul of Bill Fulton, for Catriona & all the family (Bill's memorial service will be in St Andrew's at 2pm on the 12th of August). For Matthew L & his family. For Gilly D. For Kathleen McC. For Roberta & Family. For Ania & Krystian. For Helen. For Loretta & loved ones. For Cameron M. For Diana S. For Tom McC. For Louise & Hayden J. For Mark W & loved ones. For Janet S as she studies for ordination. For those whose relationships / marriages are struggling. Pray for our Sunday Club in St Regulus'. For our Teen Gatherings. 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 our loving Father, who cares for us and knows all our needs. With confidence we pray:

– *Father, may we find rest in your love.*

Christ, your Son, suffered and died for the Church; be with all Christians who are suffering for their faith.

– *Father, may we find rest in your love.*

Bring to the sick your comfort and healing; strengthen them through the victory of Calvary.

– *Father, may we find rest in your love.*

Be near to us, almighty Father, for you alone can save us from the evils that threaten us.

– *Father, may we find rest in your love.*

Strengthen us in the hour of death: let us know your peace.

– *Father, may we find rest in your love.*

Bring the departed into your light: comfort them with your presence.

– *Father, may we find rest in your love.*

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 Inverness Cathedral

TUESDAY



HIROSHIMA

Tuesday 6th August

3.00 to 3.30pm

Memorial Event in the Peace Garden at Hugh Miller's Cottage.

FREE ENTRY ALL WELCOME

Music by Marjorie Paterson (Cello) and Kyle Cameron (Pipes) Poetry and Reflection
CROMARTY PEACE GROUP

7:00pm Eucharist in St Regulus', Cromarty
(Feast of the Transfiguration)

WEDNESDAY

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

THURSDAY

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's, Fortrose.

FRIDAY

8:30am : Celtic Morning Prayer in St Regulus'

SATURDAY

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

10:30am – 12 noon : **COFFEE MORNING**
in Fortrose Town Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY : 11 August 2019

PENTECOST 9

EUCCHARIST

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

9:45am in St John's

9:45am in St Regulus'

EVENSONG

6:30pm in St Andrew's

READERS & INTERCESSORS

St J : -Gail S / Bridie G / Diana M / Allan D

St A : Alison B / Joan D / Ane B / Heather I

(Gen 15:1-6 . Ps 33 / Heb 11:1-3,8-16 / Lk 12:32-40)

The KYIV lads (Igor & Oleksii)

were thrilled by the attendance at their concert on Tuesday and thank everyone for your welcome, kindness and hospitality!

THANK YOU

To all for your kind words, notes and generous gifts on my 10th Anniversary as your Rector.
I am blessed to be serving with you!

A THOUGHT ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

The Blessing of Treasure...

We're a little uneasy talking about money, so we call it treasure. At the same time the word is a reminder that material things are all treasures - objects of art, cutlery, fine shoes, debentures and cash - the meaning is all the same. And the reason we tend to think of fine things as a group is, for good and ill, they have come to represent cash value. Few of us think of treasure as a blessing, though. Most of us feel we are the dog and the tail is wagging us. We spend too much, or too little. We spend it all on ourselves and are stingy toward others. We spend it on others to influence them. "If I could just get my budget under control, I'd have enough money and I'd be able to give more, too." But it isn't control any of us really want, but freedom. Freedom doesn't come from having more money. Many wealthy people know that. We size up people by the clothes they wear and judging from the cash value, decide whether or not they are better off than us. The problem with treasure is that we think it tells us something about the people who have it; more "treasure" makes people more important. Money talks. However, all those things and all that money belong to God. Now, that is a tough thing to hear. The way we handle our money will tell us something about the way we think God provides for us. If we find being generous difficult, perhaps it is because we think God can't be trusted to provide the things we need. And if we spend a lot, perhaps it is because we think that it is our money and God doesn't much care how we use it. This is the point where treasure can be a blessing. Treasure, like almost everything else in creation, can be a tool in our hands to help "work out our own salvation." The Bible specifies the tithe - a tenth of what we earn, from the top - as a way to freedom in giving. Money does talk, and the tithe is one way we can say, "Yes," to faith in God's love, to the Church, and to other people in other places who are doing the work of the Body of Christ. The freedom we experience in generosity grows out of the decision to give because we find we are less and less controlled by our whims and the pressure of advertising. It is really possible to be more and more controlled by the Spirit, as St. Paul told the Galatians, and treasure is one of the tools that God has given us; that is what makes it a blessing.