

ADVENT II

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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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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord

In the midst of your temple.

Sing (Tune : Away in a Manger)

A candle is burning, a candle of *Peace*;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.

Pray

**Lord God you spoke through your prophets
and promised a kingdom of peace.**

**We welcome you Lord Jesus,
the Prince of Peace**

**and our hearts long for the establishment
of your kingdom of justice and righteousness.
Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Readers & Intercessors

St J : 1st Reader & Eucharistic Minister

St R : Psalmist & Eucharistic Minister

St A : 2nd Reader / Intercessor & Servers

+ **First Reading : Isaiah 11:1-10**

+ **Psalm 72 (Verses)**

Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.

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and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

**Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

May his name be blessed forever;
as long as the sun his name shall remain.
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

**Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

+ **Second Reading : Romans 15:4-13**

Gradual Hymn / Alleluia

+ **The Holy Gospel : Matthew 3:1-12**

PRAYER REQUESTS

For grace to be Jesus' hands, feet, voice, eyes &
heart in the world...that we all may LIVE and BE the
GOOD NEWS.

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the
leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace
among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of
the earth. Be with us this week and help us elect
trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for
the general welfare, and thus serve you faithfully in
our generation to the honour of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR WORLD

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 the work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world.

OUR DIOCESE

For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Louise R, Philip S, Janet S, David T, Jaime W, Rachael W, Sandra W, their families and all who are studying for Ordination or Readership...for their instructors & all who support them. For Mark, our Bishop. For our brothers & sisters throughout the Diocese. For Inverness Street Pastors. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Grace to keep a Holy Advent. For Gail & Phil. For Kathleen McC. For Roberta & Family. For Ania & Krystian. For Helen. For Cameron M. 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 Granny in Guatemala: Santos De La Cruz Mendez. 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

As we make our prayer, we acknowledge the times when we have preferred darkness before true light.

– *Lord, that we may see!*

You came, as man, into this world:

bring healing, peace and reconciliation to all.

– *Lord, that we may see!*

Forgive us the hatred, suspicion and envy that cloud our vision: give us a generous spirit.

– *Lord, that we may see!*

You come to us through those who share our lives: open our hearts to recognize you.

– *Lord, that we may see!*

Lord, do not forget our brothers and sisters who in all ages have hoped to see your light.

– *Lord, that we may see!*

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
(Immaculate Conception transf from Sun)

TUESDAY

3:30- 6pm : Fr Mel with Cromarty Piperlings

7:00pm : House Blessing & Eucharist in Rev Christine's new abode at 14 Bayview Cres in Cromarty (Will be warmer than St Reg haha)

WEDNESDAY

10:00am : Study Group in Rectory (1 Corinthians)

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

3:30-6pm : Fr Mel with Fortrose/Avoch Piperlings

THURSDAY

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

4-5:30om : Fr Mel with Fortrose, N Kessock & Arpafeelie Piperlings

7:00pm : Silent Meditation Time – in the Vestry of St Andrew's. All are welcome!

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

15 DECEMBER : ADVENT III : GAUDETE EUCHARIST

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

9:45am in St John's

Reserved Sacrament

9:45am in St Regulus'

Evensong

4:30pm in St Andrew's

READERS & INTERCESSORS

(Is 35:1-10 / Ps 146 / Jas 5:7-10 / Matt 11:2-11)

St J : Alan D / Susanna L / Hilary S / Bridie G

St A : Betty M / Simon S / Ramsay M / Heather I

DATES TO PUT ON CALENDAR

18 DEC : 7:00pm "HOLY HOUR" of quiet music for Advent, spoken meditation & silent reflection in St Andrew's...

20 DEC : NORTH KESSOCK CAROLS : 7:00pm
in North Kessock Hall.

20 DEC : OCTA VOCE CHRISTMAS CONCERT
in St Andrew's at 7:30pm

22 DEC : CROMARTY CAROLS by
CANDLELIGHT in St Regulus' at 7:00pm



The First King Size Bed

JOHN 3:16

The Reason for the Season