

The PRESENTATION of the LORD (Candlemas)

2 February 2020



Eaglais Easbaigeach na h-Alba san Eilean Dubh
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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 Readers & Intcessors

St J : Gill P / Bridie G / Susanna L / Donald G

St A : Louise J / Heather I / Michael H / Alison G

+ First Reading : Malachi 3:1-4

+ Psalm 24

The Lord whom you seek
will suddenly come to his temple.

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will suddenly come to his temple.**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

**The Lord whom you seek
will suddenly come to his temple.**

Who is this King of glory?

"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."

**The Lord whom you seek
will suddenly come to his temple.**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

**The Lord whom you seek
will suddenly come to his temple.**

Who is he, this King of glory?

"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

**The Lord whom you seek
will suddenly come to his temple.**

+ Second Reading : Hebrews 2:14-18

Gradual Hymn / Alleluia

+ The Holy Gospel : Luke 2:22-40

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.

OUR WORLD

For Australia and all fighting the wild fires...for all people and wildlife affected by those fires and all working to bring healing. For healing and peace among all nations. For the tensions between Iran and the US. 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 sisters and brothers of the Church in Burundi : Archbishop Martin Blaise Nyaboho.

OUR DIOCESE

For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Lisa C, Jackie F, Paul

H, Ross J, Pauline J, Claire N, Colin P, 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 of St Anne's, Strathpeffer; St James', Dingwall; St Ninian's, Invergordon; St Mary's, Alness. For Inverness Street Pastors. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Isaac & family. 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

We celebrate the presentation of Jesus in the temple. He has established a new covenant and is himself the temple of the living God. Let us acclaim him as our Saviour:

– *Our eyes have seen your salvation.*

You are the true light that enlightens all people: help us to know and accept you as our Lord and God.

– *Our eyes have seen your salvation.*

You are the glory of your Church: in the fidelity of your people, let everyone know your saving power.

– *Our eyes have seen your salvation.*

Your Holy Spirit rested on Simeon and he recognized your coming: let your Spirit dwell with us, that we may recognize you in our lives.

– *Our eyes have seen your salvation.*

At your presentation, Simeon prophesied that our Lady would be pierced to the heart: grant us the constancy and love she showed at the foot of the cross.

– *Our eyes have seen your salvation.*

Many have seen your promise and died in your peace: may they share now the glory you prepared for all the nations.

– *Our eyes have seen your salvation.*

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

TUESDAY

No Tuesday Eucharist till further notice.

WEDNESDAY

NO STUDY GROUP

10am – 1pm : Charity Shop

THURSDAY :

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

7:00pm : Meditation Group

in St Andrew's Vestry

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

10am – 1pm : Charity Shop

THE RECTORY WILL BE AWAY

Fr Mel is away on a break from this afternoon (2 Feb) until the 12th. Rev Christine will be holding the fort. (01381 600 485)

NEXT SUNDAY

9 FEB + EPIPHANY 5 + SEPUGESIMA

Reserved Sacrament Service

8am in St Andrew's

9:45am in St Regulus'

Eucharist

9:45am Eucharist in St John's

11:30am in St Andrew's

Readers & Intcessors

(Is 58:1-9a / Ps 122 / 1 Cor 2:1-12 / Matt 5:13-30)

St J : Isla C / Gill P / Diana M / Jackie M

St A : Lois M / Joan M / Jan M / Dorothy W

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE OLDER

As we remember our Lord's keeping of his promise to St Simeon and his visit to him and St Anna in their advanced years, let us keep our older and much loved ones in our hearts today and always...especially those who are feeling their age...

Loving God, we pray for those who walk more slowly through this world than in the days when they were young, may each step be made lighter and their joy be greater for seeing beauty in little things that the hurrying pass by. For some, memory fades, and recollections become hazy clouds, fading outlines of strangers' faces and forgotten places.

Even the familiar, loved ones and names that once tripped lightly off the tongue cause confusion, in what seems a cruel dismantling of a life once lived.

Compassionate God, for all who live in fear of what they might become, and those already walking down this lonely road we call dementia grant them peace.

May each moment, however brief, be filled with joy not sorrow, and your love be seen through those who care for these your loved and fragile people. In Jesus Name. Amen.