

**SUNDAY**

**23rd August 2020**

**Pentecost 12**

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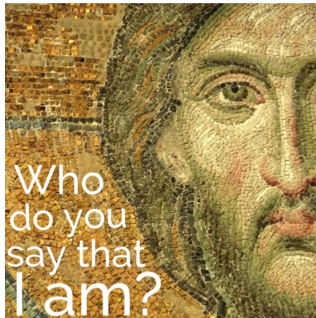
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## The Scottish Episcopal Church

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EVERYONE WHO IS BAPTISED is welcome to share with us in Communion this morning. 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

#### Collect

Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you, O Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

#### + First Reading : Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

### + Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart!

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Before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness; For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart!**

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart!**

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart!**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart!**

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart!**

### + Second Reading : Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

### + The Holy Gospel : Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

For a greater love for our Lord in the Eucharist and for Grace to remember that the Presence of Christ we receive in every Communion must be carried forth into the world and lived in love. 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 all places where Covid 19 and other diseases are on the rise. For all in leadership in health care and government and for the Spirit's guidance re the ending of lockdown. For all suffering with Covid 19, for all our healthcare workers, for all working for a cure, for all shop workers, lorry drivers, all we are depending on for our safety, health and protection and all living in fear of it. For healing and peace among all nations. 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 our brothers and sisters of the Church in South East Asia : Archbishop Melter Tais.

## **OUR DIOCESE**

For Aberdeen and all areas where Covid 19 is spiking. For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For David T, Jaime W, Rachael W, Bp Kevin, Dr John, Fr Ian, Valerie C, 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 Ninian's, Glenurquhart. For Inverness Street Pastors. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

## **OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Pray for our Vestry as we discuss relaxing lockdown measures within our three churches. For one another as we live through this challenging time...especially those who are experiencing a profound loneliness. For the good health and safety of all. 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**

Let us ask the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, to send the Spirit of his Son into our hearts as we pray:

– *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

O Lord, the creator and redeemer of all mankind, we humbly pray for our sisters and brothers of every race in every kind of need: Make your ways known to them, and reveal your salvation to all nations.

– *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

May the whole Church be guided and governed by your Holy Spirit; let all who call themselves Christians be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit.

– *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are afflicted or distressed; comfort and relieve them according to their need, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit.

– *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Father, give a place of life and rest to those who have died in your peace: may we share with them in the glory of Jesus Christ, who died to save us all.

– *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

*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*

## AS THE CHURCH DEPLOYED - LET US UNITE IN PRAYER FROM OUR HOMES

Dear All,

I am away this week for a much needed break. I will be keeping the prayer schedule as listed below...but will likely not be live streaming. You are always in my heart as I pray. Please keep me in your prayers.

The Rev'd Christine Mylne will be on call for any emergencies and will take the live streamed Eucharist on Sunday! (Her num: 01381 620485)

Much love to all!

Mel +

### RE DAILY PRAYER...

#### I will be offering these prayers at:

7 am : Invitatory & Office of Readings

9 am : Morning Prayer (Facebook Live Stream)

6 pm : Evening Prayer (Facebook Live Stream)

10 pm : Night Prayer aka Compline

7 pm Eucharist on Tuesdays (Facebook Messenger\*)

10 am Eucharist on Thursdays (Facebook Messenger\*)

10 am Eucharist on Sundays (Facebook livestream and emailed link to all)

\* If you'd like to be added to the Tues and Thurs Eucharists via Facebook Messenger, let me know. But you will have to be in FB and Messenger for that to work.

**If you need anything or just a friendly voice, ring me at 01381 622 241 (or 07780 512 990)...and I will do my utmost!**

### A SUNDAY CHUCKLE : 5 NUNS IN TOWN

Sisters Mary Catherine, Maria Theresa, Katherine Marie, Rose Frances, & Mary Kathleen left the Convent on a trip to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and were sight-seeing on a Tuesday in July. It was hot and humid in town and their traditional garb was making them so uncomfortable, they decided to stop in at Patty McGuire's Pub for a cold soft drink.

Patty had recently added special legs to his barstools, which were the talk of the fashionable east side neighbourhood.

All 5 Nuns sat up at the bar and were enjoying their Cokes when Monsignor Riley and Father McGinty entered the bar through the front door.

They, too, came for a cold drink when they were shocked and almost fainted at what they saw.



**NEW PUBLICATION.**

A commemoration of Robert Lyon, published by Bishop E Luscombe, retired & former Primus, and Stewart Donald.

Electronic copies can be obtained from the Honorary Archivist, Stuart Donald, for £3.

Please email Stuart at [sd5bp@hotmail.com](mailto:sd5bp@hotmail.com) to organise payment and delivery.

**The Life and Times of Robert Lyon  
priest, rebel and martyr  
1710 - 1746**



Here is a brief review after reading by Elizabeth (Betty) Marshall:

I have now read every word of *The Life and Times of Robert Lyon*. What a good piece of writing and research, so easy to read and understand and a fascinating story which should be told. I learned so much and I am glad he is to be properly remembered as a hero of the SEC.

On the last page it was a delightful surprise to see a verse of one of my grandfather's translated hymns quoted in Lyon's honour.

**OUR CHARITY SHOP**  
in Saint Andrew's Hall :  
Wednesdays & Saturdays,  
10am -1pm.



**Please help local people in Crisis**

Tins of ham

Tins of corned beef

Tins of mince/stew

Tins of Potato

Tins of custard

Soap powder (small)

Washing up liquid (small)

Shaving foam/razors

**TINNED VEGETABLES**

**Highland Foodbank**

**Thought for today**

*Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil  
with good.*

*Romans 12.21*

**SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AND CHARITY SHOP  
BOTH CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**BOOKS**

**by Elizabeth Sutherland**

A wide selection of books written by our own Betty Marshall are available at the back of the Church.

- donations should be placed in the box on the back pew.

**CARDS –**

**by Hayden Jeffery**

Hayden Jeffery has designed and produced a selection of multifunctional cards - they can be found at the back of the Church and cost £1 each

- donations should be placed in the box on the back pew.

# **St John's Arpafeelie**

**Sunday 23rd August -**

**SERVICE CANCELLED**

**HYMNS**



**Diocesan Prayer Cycle -**

**Porvoo Cycle -**

**Notices**

# **Church Rotas**

## **St Andrew's**

**Readers & Intercessors**

**Sides-men**

**Servers**

**Sacristan**

**Flowers**

**Teas**

**Cleaning**

## **St John's**