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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

+ **First Reading : Isaiah 56:1,6-8**

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to
the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of
the Lord, and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

+ **Psalm 67**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance
and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth
stand in awe of him.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

+ **Second Reading : Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

+ **The Holy Gospel : Matthew 15:21-28**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she

came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 throughout the Anglican Communion as today they are remembering us in Scotland!

OUR DIOCESE

For Aberdeen and all areas where Covid 19 is spiking. For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Pauline J, Claire N, Colin P, Lesley P, Louise S, Philip S, Janet S, 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. John, Rothiemurchus; St Columba, Grantown on Spey. For Inverness Street Pastors. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Pray for our schools, teachers and pupils. 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 pray to God who never deserts those who trust in him.

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

Pour out your Spirit on the Church; let all people see in her the greatness of your loving kindness.

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

Be with the priests and ministers of your Church: what they preach to others, may they practise in their lives.

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

Teach us to understand one another more deeply: by your presence, free us from prejudice and fear.

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

Give married couples & all who are committed to each other in mutual love constancy and mutual understanding: may their difficulties help to deepen the love they have for each other.

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

Pardon the sins of all our departed brothers and sisters: may they enjoy new life in the company of your saints.

– *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.



It would be very helpful if donations of tinned vegetables could be made

for the Foodbank. That seems to be a major need at this time!!!! (I am delighted to report that our foodbank collection boxes are being filled and brought to the bank several times a week...our communities are being wonderfully generous! No surprise there!)

Our job is to love others
without stopping to inquire
whether or not they are
worthy.

-Thomas Merton

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!

**AS THE CHURCH DEPLOYED...
LET US UNITE IN PRAYER
FROM OUR HOMES**

Dear All,

I am writing this as we come to the end of an unexpectedly beautiful Wednesday...while praying for those for whom Tuesday's and today's weather has not been the best. Floods, lightening strikes...train derailments. We pray for all those affected.

We have just finished yet another Covidtide Vestry meeting via Zoom. Good headway being made as we wade through the requirements to get back into our church buildings. Deep cleaning of all three buildings is to go ahead over the coming week...and things set in place to have, at least, one public service the end of August/ beginning of September. More details will be shared elsewhere in the big newsletter. Your prayers, patience and support are much needed!!!

Schools are opened...and we are all coming to terms with this new "normal". Plans are being put in place for video assemblies in Cromarty and Avoch Primaries...it is all so strange. But we all adjust and move forward looking forward to putting Covid behind us.

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.