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Pentecost 19
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The Scottish Episcopal Church

St John's, Arpafelie: St Andrew's, Fortrose: St Regulus, Cromarty

The Black Isle Family of Congregations

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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, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; 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 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

+ Psalm 23

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me! Alleluia!

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me! Alleluia!

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

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your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me! Alleluia!

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me! Alleluia!

+ Second Reading : Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

+ The Holy Gospel : Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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 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 Uganda : Archbishop Setphen Samuel Kaziimba

OUR DIOCESE

For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Godwin C, Tony C, Lisa C, Pat E, Ross J, Tim H, Claire N, 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 Maelrubha, Poolewe; Courthill Chapel, Kishorn; St Donnan's, Lochalsh. For Inverness Street Pastors. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For our three congregations, those who are able to join us in public worship and those joining us in spirit from home. 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

The will of Christ is for all to be saved. Let us pray that his will may be done.

– Draw all people to yourself, Lord.

Lord, by your sacrifice on the cross you redeemed us from the slavery of sin: lead us to the freedom and glory of the sons and daughters of God. *– Draw all people to yourself, Lord.*

Be with our bishop, **Mark**, and all the bishops of your Church: grant them courage and compassion in their ministry. *– Draw all people to yourself, Lord.*

Help those who seek the truth to find it: let them be consecrated in truth.

– Draw all people to yourself, Lord.

We pray especially for peace in family life, and for those orphaned and widowed: comfort them in your love. *– Draw all people to yourself, Lord.*

May our departed brothers and sisters come to the heavenly city: there, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you will reign for ever. *– Draw all people to yourself, Lord.*

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,

Keep on praying! I am keeping you in mine, please keep me in yours!

Much love to all!

Mel +

RE DAILY PRAYER...

Prayer will continue while I am on hols...but I am not sure I will be able to post online!

Apologies but midweek Eucharist needs to be cancelled till I return!

I will be offering these prayers at:

7 am : Invitatory & Office of Readings

9 am : Morning Prayer

6 pm : Evening Prayer

10 pm : Night Prayer aka Compline

9:30am Celtic Morning Prayer (Via Zoom: Contact Richard for info: richard@nesscottage.scot)

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

11 October (Pentecost 19)

9:45am in St John's with Fr Arthur

9:45am in St Regulus' with Rev Christine

11:30am in St Andrew's with Fr Arthur

18 October (Pentecost 20)

9:45am in St John's with Fr Arthur

9:45am in St Regulus' with Rev Christine

11:30am in St Andrew's with Rev Christine

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



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



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

The choice is yours to fall or rise, to injure or to bless.

To fill a room with gloom or light it up with happiness.

To use or waste the precious hours, to work or take your ease.

To walk the path of duty or to go the way you please.

The Books and cards normally on sale at the back of St Andrew's are not available during the present restrictions.

St John's Arpafeelie

Sunday 11th October - 09.45



Diocesan Prayer Cycle -

Porvoo Cycle -

Notices

Visitor Details

Should you have any visitors attending your church you need to get their details for the Track and Trace list. You need to get their Name, Phone Number, and note the date of their visit and email this, **ALONG** with the regular congregation's names who were in attendance, every Sunday after the service to Ramsay.

This allows Ramsay to be the point of contact for the Track and Trace system for The Charge should any member be unfortunate enough to get the disease.

For those attending church during the Covid outbreak we have an information sheet for you to assess your personal risk with an explanation attached. This is used within the NHS and other Churches. We **DO NOT** want to know your personal score but would ask that you confirm either by email or in writing that you have received and read the form. Spare copies will be available in church for visitors etc.

Stewards and Co-ordinators need to ensure that details of everyone who attended the service are passed to the Vestry Secretary by email by each Sunday night. This needs to be undertaken to meet the Track and Trace section of the legislation.

Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

A Garraway, M Hulse, H Ireland and J Deakin

Sides-men

Ann McGhee and Bill Fraser

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

St John's