

SUNDAY

10th January 2021

Baptism of the Lord

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The Scottish Episcopal Church

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

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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

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

+ First Reading : Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the word of the Lord.

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+ Psalm 29

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters!

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Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters!

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters!

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters!

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters!

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters!

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters!

+ Second Reading : Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

+ The Holy Gospel : Mark 1:4-11

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Beginning of the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St Mark:

Glory to Christ our Saviour!

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Give thanks to the Lord

for this his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

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 greater patience in the face of this Pandemic. That we may truly look out for one another and especially those most vulnerable among us. 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 for our sisters and brothers of the Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.

OUR DIOCESE

For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Andrew P, Blayne P, Lesley P, Ferdinand VonP, Roberta R, Louise S, Philip S, their families and all who are studying for Ordination or Readership...for their instructors & all who support them. For Mark, our Bishop, and for our sisters and brothers 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

For those gathering in church and those joining in online. Pray for all undergoing tests, awaiting results and undergoing treatment. Pray for Robbie and all living with OCD, Asperger's, Autism and other conditions that make Covid restrictions particularly difficult. 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

Spend a moment in silence and call to mind any particular concerns...then pray:

Let us unite ourselves with all Christians, praising the Father and asking for his protection;

– Heavenly Father, hear your children.

Father, help those who search for an unknown God; and let them discover the light of Christ.

– Heavenly Father, hear your children.

Look in mercy on those who adore you as the one and only God; show them that you are always close.

– Heavenly Father, hear your children.

Remember all your children throughout the world; see that they never stray far from you.

– Heavenly Father, hear your children.

Send your angels to protect all your children; save them from a sudden and unprepared death.

– Heavenly Father, hear your children.

Bring the dead to the vision of your glory; give them eternal happiness in your presence.

– Heavenly Father, hear your children.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Dear All,

Well, the 12 Days have passed and the Feast of Epiphany has been celebrated and this Sunday will see us mark the 2nd of the Great Epiphanies – The Baptism of the Lord.

An Epiphany is a burst of insight and we enter the season reflecting on several that God has given us...each revealing something of the Divine to us. The arrival of the Wise...foreigners and probably followers of other religions of the day...reminding us that God is bigger than the smallness of our minds and that God's loves is for all and not just a chosen few. The Baptism of the Lord...for us and for our salvation...where God reveals to us God's self as Trinity of Persons, yet One God...and calls us to reflect on our own Baptism and the special relationship we have been drawn into, with God, through that Sacrament!

As we draw near to that day, I provide the form of renewal of baptism to reflect upon the promises we made. Food for thought as we consider how blessed we are as God's children through adoption and grace...

The Renewal of Baptism

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary, he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

The celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows by saying:

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, + keep us in eternal

life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

We are back into stricter lockdown and, once again, we rely on gathering via the internet for worship...and spiritual Communion. It will never be a substitute for gathering in our beloved places of worship but, for now, it is prudent and wise as we have watched infection rates spiral out of control since just before the holidays began.

St John's on the High Altar has, in Gàidhlig, the wonderful words...Emmanuel, Dia Maille Rinn! EMMANUEL : GOD IS WITH US!

At all times and in all places! Never forget it!

Epiphanytide Blessings to one and all!!!

And much love too!

Mel +



DAILY PRAYER - I will be offering these prayers at:

7 am : Invitatory & Office of Readings

8:30am : Morning Prayer (Facebook Live Stream)

6 pm : Evening Prayer (Facebook Live Stream)

10 pm : Night Prayer aka Compline - (but time varies)

9 am Eucharist on Tuesdays (Facebook Messenger*)

9 am Eucharist on Thursdays (Facebook Messenger*)

* 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.

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

SUNDAY EUCHARIST - (only live-streamed till further notice)

10 January : BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10:30am : Live streamed on Facebook and the link emails to all ASAP.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe you are truly present in this Most Holy Sacrament of your Body and Blood, and since I cannot, at this time, receive you in Holy Communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.

Let nothing separate me from you. In whose Name I pray.

Amen.

Or - Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, cleanse me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within Thy wounds hide me.

Never let me be separated from Thee.

From the malicious enemy, defend me.

At the hour of death, call me.

And bid me come to Thee.

That with Thy saints I may praise Thee,

forever and ever. Amen.

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!



Highland
Hospice



On behalf of everyone here at Highland Hospice,
I would like to say an enormous thank you to

Margaret & Linda

for the extremely generous donation of

£800.00

raised from selling marmalades,
jams and other Christmas goodies.

Thanks for supporting our charity!

*Your support doesn't just last one day,
you're making a difference that lasts forever.*

Kenny Steele
Chief Executive Officer
29 December 2020

Highland Hospice, Ness House, 1 Bishops Road, Inverness IV3 5SB.
Highland Hospice is a registered Scottish Charity No: SC011227

Margaret and Linda would like to thank everyone who supported their sales table.
The Vestry would like to thank Margaret and Linda for their tremendous effort.

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



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

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



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

The food bank team are always very appreciative of our donations, but at the moment they have excess pasta, tinned soup and tinned beans, so won't be accepting more of these at present.

The items on our list are still things that they need more of, also individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, sugar and toilet roll.

Thanks for all your ongoing generosity.

Highland Foodbank

Thought for today

*This is an imperfect world as you will surely find,
And if you would be happy in it you must bear in mind
That things are as they are.
Life can't go always as you plan.
You have to work with broken tools and do the best
you can.*

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Notices

Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

Sides-men

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

St John's