

**PENTECOST 16**  
**12 September 2021**



**Eaglais Easbaigeach na h-Alba san Eilean Dubh**  
**The Scottish Episcopal Church on the Black Isle**

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**12 SEPTEMBER SERVICES**

**EUCCHARIST**

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

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Collect**

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**+ First Reading : Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
Hear the word of the Lord

**+ Psalm 116:1-8**

I will walk in the presence of the LORD!

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I love the LORD, because he has heard  
the voice of my supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called upon him.

**I will walk in the presence of the LORD!**

The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

**I will walk in the presence of the LORD!**

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."  
Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.

**I will walk in the presence of the LORD!**

The LORD watches over the innocent;  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.  
Turn again to your rest, O my soul,  
for the LORD has treated you well.

**I will walk in the presence of the LORD!**

For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

**I will walk in the presence of the LORD!**

**Second Reading : Letter of James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small

rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Hear the word of the Lord.

#### + **The Holy Gospel : Mark 8:27-38**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Mark:

#### **Glory to Christ our Saviour!**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they

give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 the people of Afghanistan and all who bear the scars of service there. For the People of Haiti. For the people of Ethiopia. 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 Episcopal Province of the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

#### **OUR DIOCESE**

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Louise S, Janet S, Ross S-Y, Laura S, Rachael W, Cn Graham T, Cn Ian B, 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 brothers & sisters of St Ninian's, Invergordon. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

#### **OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY**

#### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

For Jeremy. For Hayden & Louise. For those working with For the Right Reasons, Samaritans, Mikey's Line & other help groups seeking to be there for those who are struggling. For those joining in worship online. Pray for all undergoing tests, awaiting results and undergoing treatment. 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 the safe return of our Teens and 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:*

The will of Christ is for all men 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.*

*Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*

## **AS THE CHURCH DEPLOYED...**

### **LET US UNITE IN PRAYER**

### **FROM OUR HOMES**

Dear All,

**I am on holiday** until the 28<sup>th</sup> ...**Rev Christine** will be on call for any emergencies...her new phone number is: **01381 621 975.**

Have a wonderful week!

### **19 SEPTEMBER : PENTECOST 17**

#### **EUCCHARIST**

9:45am in St John's with Rev Christine

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

#### **RESERVED SACRAMENT SERVICE**

9:45am in St Regulus' with EM Jill & Simon

Blessings to one and all!!!

And much love too!

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