SUNDAY 17th April 2022 Easter Sunday SC010781

The Scottish Episcopal Church

St John's, Arpafeelie: 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

AT THE EUCHARIST

Collect

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear the word of the Lord.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD cont.

+ PSALM 118:1-2,14-24

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever."

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

+ SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Hear the word of the Lord.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John:

Glory to Christ our Saviour!

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord!



PRAYER REQUESTS

For grace to live as God's Easter people... fearlessly and to the full!

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 our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and for those standing up for justice in Russia and the world over. For a softening of Vladimir Putin's heart and those of his supporters. For peace throughout the world. For all researchers and all working to protect and heal. 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 United Church of Pakistan.

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. Ferdinand vonP, Eilidh P, Helen R, Roberta R, Louise S, Janet S, Ross S-Y, 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 Maelrubha's, Poolewe. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland.

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Marina, Val & Families. For Igor, Oleksii & Families. For all preparing for Marriage. For all who are ill in mind, body or spirit. For those joining in worship online. 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 all we know to be in need of our prayers.

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

Let us pray with joy to Christ our risen Lord. He rose from the dead and is living now to intercede for us.

- Victorious king, hear us.

Christ, you are the light of the world and the salvation of nations; set us on fire with your Spirit as we proclaim the wonder of your resurrection.

- Victorious king, hear us.

Let all people recognize in you the the one they long for; fill us all with the knowledge of your glory.

- Victorious king, hear us.

Keep us united in the communion of saints; may we find rest with them, when life's work is done.

- Victorious king, hear us.

You have overcome death, the last enemy of humanity; destroy everything in us that is at enmity with God.

- Victorious king, hear us.

Christ, our Saviour, you became obedient to death, but God raised you to the heights; receive our brothers and sisters into the kingdom of your glory.

- Victorious king, hear us

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Friends,

Well here I am...trying to get the jump on this Holy Week richness and writing an Eastery message on Monday! I do hope we will all make an effort this week to attend some, at least, of the various Holy Week services. And I sure look forward to celebrating with everyone on Easter Sunday!!!! BELLS...PLEASE remember to bring bells to our Easter Day celebrations and be ready to ring the daylights out of them at every "Alleluia"! Adds such joy!

May our celebrations this week and on Sunday fill our hearts with a deeper knowledge of God's profound and never failing love for us...and fill us with hope for eternity!

We will resume use of the **CHALICE** at Holy Communion on Sunday. Please remember that intinction (dipping the consecrated Bread in the chalice) is not permitted. Every care will be taken to purify the chalice between communicants. **No one must receive from the chalice**...there have always been those in our congregations who don't. Please feel no pressure at all.

SIGN OF PEACE Please stand during the Sign of Peace and greet one another. For the time being continue to simply bow or wave and speak the peace.

Again, if anyone would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion at home and is comfortable with me coming by in the midst of the current Covid situation, please give me a call – 01381 622 241 and we can set up a time!

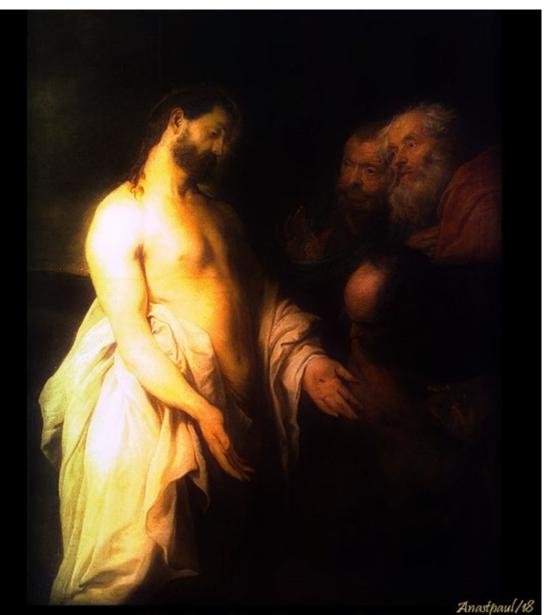
Blessings to one and all and much love too!

Mel+

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Daily Morning Prayer (8:30am – 8am on Sundays)

Daily Evening Prayer (6:00pm)



O Death, where is your sting?
O Hell, where is your victory?
Christ is risen and you are overthrown.
Christ is risen and the demons are fallen.
Christ is risen and the angels rejoice.
Christ is risen and life reigns.
Christ is risen and not one dead remains in the grave.
For Christ, being risen from the dead,
is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages.

St John Chrysostom (347-407) Father & Doctor of the Church

CHRISTMAS BOXES

Dear Everyone, the next meeting for wrapping the Blythswood Christmas shoeboxes will be on April 29th, 2-4pm at the Seaforth Lodge, Fortrose.

Please feel free to join our happy and welcoming group. Last month we celebrated one of our laddie's birthday as you can see from the photo!

The Blythswood shoeboxes also go into Ukraine, and will be needed more than ever this year.

This month we would be very grateful for donations of new face cloths and packets of moist wipes.

Thanking you in anticipation and in Jesus's name,

Jan Maclennan



Bishop's Lent Appeal 2022

This year's lent appeal is in support of unicef's work with the children of Ukraine

As you may know, I am required to transfer all monies donated by our three churches to the Diocese by Good Friday,

If you wish to make a donation in cash or by cheque could you kindly make these via your Church's Collection Plate using an envelope previously supplied to your church, no later than this coming Sunday, 10 April 2022. Cheques should be made out to BLACK ISLE CHARGE.

Donations can also be made online to BLACK ISLE CHARGE. Sort Code: 80-06-83 Account No: 00600410. Please include Reference: Lent Appeal 2022. Closing date is Wednesday 13 April 2022. Thank you for your generous support, as ever.

Peter Furniss Treasurer 4 April 2022

A Big Thank You!!!

In my letter dated 4 February 2022 I made an urgent appeal to members to consider increasing their monthly tithe payments to help the Charge meet increased fuel charges and other cost increases effective from 1 March 2022. I am very pleased to report that, despite the mounting financial pressures on us all, many members have been able to respond extremely positively by increasing their monthly payments, including two significant one — off donations. It is very difficult to predict what the financial future holds for us, but these payments will ensure that we are now in a much better position to meet our financial obligations in the remainder of this year and in 2023. As I have previously intimated if we are able to increase our general fund-raising activities during the coming summer months, then this will help to make sure that our financial position becomes even more positive.

Peter Furniss Treasurer 4 April 2022

DAILY PRAYER - 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.

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

9:00am Fridays: Celtic Morning Prayer (Via Zoom: Contact Gillian for info: annegilliannew-

man@gmail.com)

St John's Arpafeelie

Sunday 17th April 2022



Open Spring Garden

The Old Mill, Rosemarkie

Sunday April 10th 2pm – 4pm

in aid of
The Disasters Emergency Committee Ukrainian Appeal
and
The Puffin Hydrotherapy Pool in Dingwall

Donations at the gate Refreshments

Classic Film Club

Second Wednesday afternoon of the month

14.30 - 17.30

at the Cromarty Cinema

(by slipway in Cromarty)

"**Raise the Red Lantern**" Wed April 13th
"**My Man Godfrey**" Wed May 11th

details from **Helen Robinson 07889181529**

OUR CHARITY SHOP

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



THE CHARITY SHOP IS NOW OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

10.00 am—1.00 pm



Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real.



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 another you will findmore 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.



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St Andrew's
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A McGhee / A Garraway
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Flowers
Teas
Cleaning
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