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Patronal for the Feast of St Andrew

(with provision for Advent Sunday)

2020

Welcome to our beautiful churches in the Meon Valley

Welcome Everybody! Everybody Welcome!

Introduction

Though Andrew is named among the apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, it is in John's gospel that most is learned about him. Andrew was a Galilean fisherman, mending his nets, when Jesus called him to follow him, which he promptly did. He then seems to have remained with Jesus until the end. He was there at the feeding of the five thousand and then later, when some Greeks in Jerusalem wanted to see Jesus, Philip brought them to Andrew who told Jesus of their desire. Tradition has him travelling on several missionary journeys and eventually being martyred by being crucified on an x-shaped cross. He became the patron saint of Scotland because of a legend that his relics had been brought there in the eighth century.

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Patronal Festival for Saint Andrew's Church held on Advent Sunday

INTROIT HYMN When Christ our Lord to Andrew cried

- 1 When Christ our Lord to Andrew cried:
"Come, thou, and follow me,"
The fisher left his net beside the Sea of Galilee.
To teach the truth the Master taught,
To tread the path he trod
Was all his will and thus he brought
Unnumbered souls to God.
- 2 When Andrew's hour had come, and he
Was doomed, like Christ to die,
He kissed his cross exultingly,
And this his noble cry:
"O noble cross! O precious wood!
I long have yearned for thee;
Uplift me to my only good
Who died on thee for me."
- 3 St Andrew now in bliss above,
Thy fervent prayers renew
That Scotland yet again may love
The faith, entire and true;
That I the cross allotted me
May bear with patient love! 't
Twill lift me, as it lifted thee,
To reign with Christ above.

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"Come, thou, and follow me,"

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Collects

Saint Andrew

Almighty God,
who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew
that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ
and brought his brother with him:
call us by your holy word,
and give us grace to follow you without delay
and to tell the good news of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Advent Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading for St Andrew's Day

A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”
Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.
When the LORD returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.
Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52.7-10

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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Psalm

Some verses from Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God *
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 One day pours out its song to another *
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.
- 3 They have neither speech nor language *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands *
and their words to the ends of the world.

- 5 In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, *
**that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.**
- 6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens
and runs to the very end again, *
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Psalm 19.1-6

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

¹²There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' ¹⁶But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says,
'Lord, who has believed our message?'

¹⁷So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. ¹⁸But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for
'Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.'

Romans 10.12-18

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea;
day by day his voice still calls us
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'
2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and work and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'
4. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'
5. Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts in glad obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

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Gospel Reading

Please remain standing.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.

All **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁸As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’

²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Matthew 4.18-22

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalms 19.14:

On November 30th, Saint Andrew is honoured in many parts of the world. He is the patron saint of Scotland, Greece and Russia and, and indeed, of this church.

Andrew was a simple fisherman who lived with his brother Peter in Galilee. One day, a man came to him and his brother and said ‘FOLLOW ME! I will make you fishers of men’. So the two men immediately put down their nets and followed Jesus. Because Andrew was probably the first of the apostles, he is often spoken of as “The First-Called”.

Andrew stayed with Jesus and learned much from him, he did not keep this treasure to himself, but hastened to share it. Jesus has convinced these first followers of his truth.

Andrew’s own words and immediate commitment reveal his zeal. Andrew’s words reveal a soul waiting with the utmost longing for the coming of the Messiah, looking forward to his appearing from heaven, rejoicing when he does appear, and hastening to announce so great an event to others.

Andrew watched Jesus perform many miracles. It was Andrew the first spoke to the boy who offered to share his 5 loaves and 2 fishes at the feeding of the 5,000.

Jesus commanded His apostles to ‘go into the world and preach the gospel. ‘Andrew did exactly as he was asked – he preached in Greece and possibly even travelled into Russia. When St Andrew came to Patras, in Greece, the Roman governor ordered that he be crucified for his beliefs. He was put to death

but, believing himself to be unworthy of the same death as Jesus, asked that his cross was in a different shape -an X shape, which is why the X features on the Saltire, the cross of Saint Andrew the national flag of Scotland and providing the field for the union flag.

Some peculiar superstitions have attached themselves to Saint Andrew's feast day.

An old German tradition says that single women who wish to marry should ask for Saint Andrew's help on the Eve of his feast, then sleep unclothed that night; then they will see their future husbands in their dreams.

But hold on, I hear your say: 'If he died in Greece why is he the patron saint of Scotland?'

There are at least two very different stories suggested as to why St Andrew's remains ended up in Scotland.

One story says that they were brought to Scotland by Acca, the bishop of Hexham.

The other story tells of a monk called St Regulus or St Rule in its Anglicised form.

According to that legend, an angel appeared to him in a dream and warned him that the Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great, was planning to take St Andrew's bones. The angel told him to hide an arm bone, a tooth, part of one knee bone and some finger bones and to sail with them north, to the ends of the earth.

Regulus and his companions sailed north for many months, the journey was long and arduous until they were shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland, at a place called Muckcross or Kilryment. The Pictish king gave them land on which to build a church, where they buried the saint's remains. The town became a place of pilgrimage for medieval people and soon became called St Andrews.

We can emulate Andrew and respond with zeal and immediacy. To support one another, like Andrew and his companions, in the things of the spirit is the true sign of goodwill between brothers and sisters in Christ, of loving kinship and sincere affection.

And we can be different from each other, as even the brothers Andrew and Peter are different. Andrew, especially in John's Gospel, sits, listens and learns before acting, after his immediate response to his call, perhaps he did not think himself able to give complete explanations for the marvellous things he saw.

Peter, on the other hand, is just so joyful and eager that he never delays even for a moment and that leads him into all sorts of scrapes, but he went on to become a great, wise and spirit-filled leader.

Whatever we do and however we do it, let's trust in Jesus, as those two fishing brothers did in their own way, with absolute trust in the messiah. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

OFFERTORY HYMN: By all your saints in warfare

- 1 By all your saints still active,
For all your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
For evermore be blest!
Saints of Advent, 'Christmas joy',
Your Holy message dear;
Waiting for Christ our Saviour
Singing 'Jesus is near'.
- 2 We thank you, Lord, for Andrew,
who answering your call,
went straight to tell his brother
he'd met the Lord of All.
At once he left his fishing,
and home beside the sea.
May we take up your challenge:
'Get up! Come follow me!'.
- 3 Then let us praise the Father
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One.
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.

By All Your Saints in Warfare

(amended)

Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823-1913

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Admiral Lord Nelson.

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We pray the Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away

you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends

he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All **As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
So, with your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

HYMN after Communion: The Advent of our King

1. The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.
2. The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be;
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.
3. O Zion's Daughter, rise
To meet thy lowly King,
Nor let thy faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.
4. As Judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heaven to reign.
5. All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.

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The Advent of our King

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Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart;

And in this season of Advent
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing Saints in Advent

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and hope and love;
And in this time of Advent
Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the (+) Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.
Amen.

HYMN: Lo! He comes with clouds descending

- 1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for mortal sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold Him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
We who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 The dear tokens of His passion
Still His dazzling body bears;
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransomed worshippers;
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, Amen! let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for Thine own;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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I knew my Lord Jesus in lands so far away

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Closing Voluntary

Thy Kingdom Come O God

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