

# Holy Trinity, Elgin with St Margaret's, Lossiemouth

Welcome to the Scottish Episcopal Church.  
This parish welcomes members of other denominations to  
share in its worship

## Sunday 21 Nov 21 Christ the King

There are in-person services at both Holy Trinity and St Margaret's,  
and restrictions are gradually and carefully being removed.  
There is no longer any need to book, but we still need to keep records  
for Test and Protect. Don't forget your face covering!

This leaflet will continue to come out each week, containing prayers,  
readings and reflections that we can all share in. It can be  
downloaded from the website, will be emailed to you if we have your  
email address, or posted to you if we do not.

Online services are available on our YouTube channel, in addition to  
the Provincial services. (Links on page 7)

For any contact, questions or queries please get in touch with Tembu  
01343 547505 or [rector@trinityelgin.org](mailto:rector@trinityelgin.org)

**Mon 22 Nov** Cecilia

**Tues 23 Nov** Clement of Rome

**Wed 24 Nov** Lucy Menzies

**Thurs 25 Nov**

Columban (from 21 Nov)

**Fri 26 Nov**

**Sat 27 Nov**

Scottish Episcopal Church Calendar and Lectionary.

Sunday Year B Weekdays Year 1

Week of Proper 34 Daily Prayer: Week C

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in the kingdom of your well-beloved Son: mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

## First Reading Daniel 7: 9 – 10, 13 – 14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

## Psalm Ps 93

Response *The Lord has girded himself with strength.*

The Lord is king; he has put on splendid apparel; the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength. He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved; Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting. **R**

The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high. **R**

Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore. **R**

## Second Reading Revelation 1: 4b – 8

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come,

and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL      John 18: 33 – 37

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Reflection (*Philip*)

There are phrases in our liturgy and in scripture that I absolutely love, and which may invoke new thoughts or remind me of how much my God loves me or wants to commune with me. A few from the liturgy, the readings and our collect today include, (and I could write a much longer list) "Almighty and everlasting God", "under his most gracious rule", "one God, world without end.", "We meet in Christ's name.", "Let us share his peace", "the communion of saints", "thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven", "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ", "the Ancient of Days took his seat", "He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him.", "Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;", "faithful witness", "the firstborn from the dead", "I am the Alpha and the Omega," and "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." I wonder if any of these have a special meaning for you and whether like me, you ruminate on some of these phrases over the course of the week and discuss them or others with loved ones and or other believers.

One phrase that I often have to revisit, which is only written in six places in scripture, is “King of kings”. (Ezra 7:12, Ezekiel 26:7, Daniel 2:37, 1 Timothy 6:15, Revelation 17:14 and Revelation 19:16). King of kings – the ruler of kings. This is something that takes me time to get my head around each time. This is probably partly due to growing up in a Republic, but also that since moving to the UK, the reality of a monarchy did not match the fairy-tale stories as per my imagination. What does kingship mean to us, living in 2021, in the North East of Scotland?

We know that we currently live in constitutional monarchy, but an absolute monarchy is where the monarch holds supreme authority, principally not being restricted by written laws, legislation, or unwritten customs. As believers we should hold to this version of Christ the King, where He holds supreme authority in our lives. We say it in our liturgy and sing about it in hymns, such as “Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;” and “praise the everlasting King.” (Henry Francis Lyte 1793–1847) and more modern versions like “King of Kings” by Hillsong Worship. What is the reality of living under Christ the King? If I complete daily prayers, daily readings, daily kindness to orphans and widows or the giving of alms (money), am I serving my King’s desires? I do not think or believe that it is that restrictive. God is a God of love and living out our faith through love in the place that God has put us right now is probably the right answer.

This Sunday the western church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King, which is a relatively recent addition to the Western liturgical calendar, instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. In 1970 this observance was moved to the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, which brings to the end this liturgical year and reminds us to always allow Christ to rule in our hearts and lives. Next Sunday sees us start Advent, where we need to hold onto the fact that God is with us, now!

### Intercessions

On this special day marking the end of the church year, let us pray to Jesus Christ, Our King.

As we celebrate Jesus, the head of the Church body, we pray for all the members with their various gifts and ministries. We pray for Mark our Bishop, for Tembu, Jenny and Philip as they lead and care for their congregations.

We pray that all heads of state and government may be led in the ways of truth and righteousness and recognise with humility that they are called to serve all people, without gain for themselves. We pray for all who work for aid organisations, the rescue teams and trouble-shooters and all who work to recover the lost and reach out to the refugee.

May we reach out to one another with greater love and better understanding. We pray for our homes, our relatives, our neighbours and our friends. Even in our weakness may we try to show your love in action.

We pray for those who suffer in mind or body and all those who care for them when the task must sometimes seem overwhelming. Give them the strength to move forward, to find hope and a new direction in your love. We bring before you, in the quiet of this time, those known to us who are in trouble or need.

May the dying know your closeness and those who mourn their loved ones know that your kingdom stretches across both sides of death. Hold those who we have loved and lost in the palm of your hand.

Today we honour Christ the King but also Jesus who shows such extraordinary love for us.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

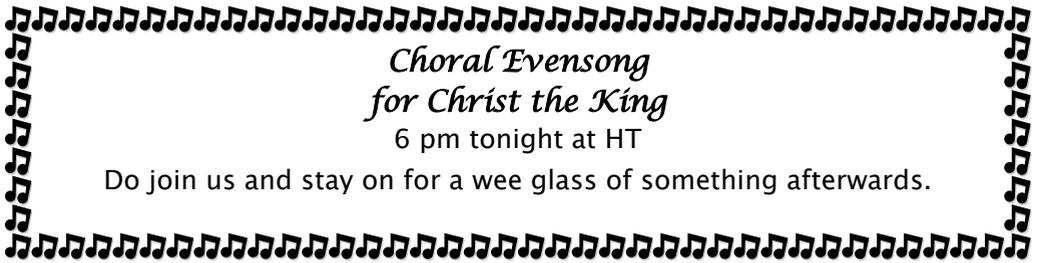
*Thanks to Carleen for these prayers*

Please pray for: Andy Roberson, Ian and Ann Bartholomew and Carol Wetherell.

Collect for the weekdays of Proper 34

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people: that they, richly bearing the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Brew and blether – after church at HT. Please make your way round to the small hall. Many thanks to our volunteer servers.



*Choral Evensong  
for Christ the King*

6 pm tonight at HT

Do join us and stay on for a wee glass of something afterwards.

Advent Carol Service. St Margaret's Lossiemouth. 4 pm on Sun 28 Nov

HT & St M AGM. Sunday 5 Dec after the Eucharist at HT. Please speak to our People's Warden, Judith, if you have anything to raise at that meeting.

Children First Christmas Fair at Westfield House. IV30 8XL  
Mon 22 Nov 4.30 – 7.30 pm and Tue 23 Nov 10 am to 3.30 pm.  
More info from Mary on 01343 814845 or 07786911611

Your ideas are very welcome as I update the leaflet for the start of the next liturgical year. The Diary Dates section is coming back! Please do say what you like (or don't like) and want to see included in future. New contributors, or even a new editor, will be very welcome, too.

The prayer group is meeting on Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join us... perhaps for one week only, or for a few weeks or as a regular attender. Our sessions run from 10.30 every Wednesday morning, and usually finish around 12.15. If you want to know more or if you have any concerns you would like us to pray about, please contact Jenny (07950 830017).

Readings for next Sunday 28 Nov 21 Advent Sunday

Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16                      Psalm 25: 1 – 10

1 Thessalonians 3: 9 – 13                Luke 21: 25 – 36

**Activities and Future Events**  
**www.trinityelgin.org**

**Many activities are currently suspended due to Covid-19 precautions.**

**Baptisms, weddings and funerals – please contact 01343 547505.**  
**Tembu's normal days off are Friday and Saturday.**

“Not in the pews” leaflet. Please check if your friends have received a copy by e-mail or post and encourage folk to get in touch if they'd like a copy. It's also on our website: <http://www.trinityelgin.org/>

You'll also find a weekly SEC service at:

<http://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/>

Our own psalms, readings and weekly services are available at

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSYhBaWnrmXOvc1HgDzIm\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSYhBaWnrmXOvc1HgDzIm_g)

**KEEP IN TOUCH!**

Please remember, Tembu is really happy to hear from you. He's not too busy to take your phone call or read your e-mail.

**Pattern of services**

| Digital  | In-person  |
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| Recorded digital service of the Word – Usually available from 9 am each Sunday | Sundays 9.30 am St Margaret's<br>Sundays 11.15 am HT |

The Youth Fellowship If you are S1–S6 and would like to join us please get in touch with Tembu at [rector@trinityelgin.org](mailto:rector@trinityelgin.org)

Traidcraft stall. Judith says she has some decaffeinated, peppermint and earl grey teabags which are just past or at their best before dates. If anyone would like them for a donation to cover costs, please get in touch with her. She is still taking orders for Christmas cards, chocolates, and other staples! You can browse the catalogue at

[www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/christmas-catalogue](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/christmas-catalogue)

Blister Packs. Many thanks from Lynne for all your contributions. The collection has now stopped.

Regular giving. THANK YOU to the folk who recently got in touch about new standing orders. It's wonderful when people take the trouble to discuss their preferences for making regular contributions. I like to think that we can come up with ways to suit everyone and anyone. For help with regular giving and Gift Aid please contact Kate. 835133 or [GiftAid@trinityelgin.org](mailto:GiftAid@trinityelgin.org)

The Real Advent Calendar Please get in touch with Judith if you would can contribute £4.50 each towards the calendars which have been delivered to Moray Food Plus.

News from the road. We're just back from a trip to Durham. The moon was inside the cathedral! (Look up Museum of the Moon to see pictures of that amazing artwork.)

Anyway, the journey was a bit of an adventure. We know the A9/A68 route like the back of our hands – or do we? Now that we need to combine not only hunger pangs and bladder range, but also battery capacity, we're on the look out for rapid chargers with nice coffee shops nearby. We ventured into small villages that were previously just signposts marking progress along the route, found charging points in obscure corners and discovered a couple of new eateries. It made a routine and long journey much more exciting and we're looking forward to discovering yet more new things on an old route.

*And finally . . . . .*

The duty of newspapers is to comfort the afflicted  
and afflict the comfortable.

*Fictional Irish Bartender*

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