

26 November

Christ the King

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

God raised Christ from the dead, and enthroned him at his right hand in heaven.

God has given him dominion, glory and all sovereignty; that all peoples and nations shall serve him.

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

30 November

Andrew the Apostle

When all is made new, and the Christ is on his throne of glory, you will sit on the twelve thrones to judge the tribes of Israel.

You did not choose me but I chose you and I appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that shall last.

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

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 our Lord. Amen.

30 November

Andrew, Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland

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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