**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.

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**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 and 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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