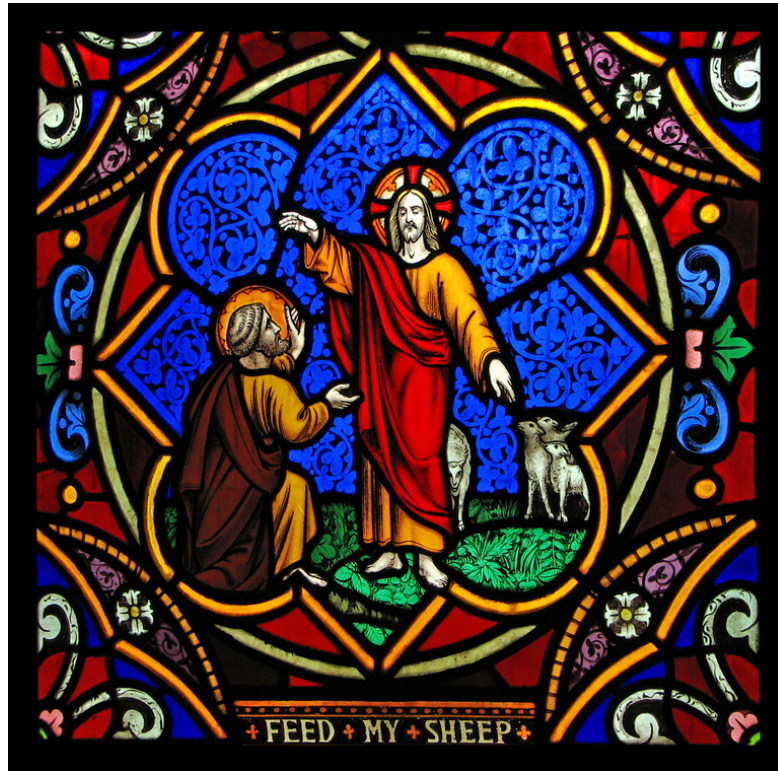




Words for Wondering

An Advent to Epiphany Course from the
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

Tuesday 20th January
Confession



Christ entrusts his flock to Peter (stained glass window, Pusey Church, Oxford) Image by Lawrence OP via Flickr

Scripture: **Matthew 16: 13-16**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Reflection

To confess means “to say the same thing” or “to agree to a statement.” It was a word used widely in ancient legal contexts, but in biblical texts is used express belief in God, acknowledge failure to keep God’s laws, and praise God for salvation. In the New Testament we see confession related to the centrality of Jesus and his part in salvation. We can see it in the letters of St Paul but also of Peter confessing that Jesus is the Messiah. What would your confession be about who Jesus is and what part Jesus plays in your faith?

To Listen

I believe by Phil Wickham and Dear Lord and Father of Mankind