



# The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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## Easter Day

### The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 20 April 2025

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**A warm welcome to worship.**

Today is **Easter Day**, and the liturgical colours for this most holy day of highest celebration of our Lord's Resurrection are **white** and **gold**.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated this morning, and all are welcome to respond to Jesus' gracious invitation to 'Take, eat' at His Table.

**Hymns** are unannounced and sung standing unless otherwise indicated. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if there is not a hymnbook (purple Church Hymnary) near your seat.

The text of the **Psalm** can be found in this Order of Service. The **Alleluia**, the **Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer** can also be found in the hymnbook at the numbers indicated in this Order of Service. **Bible Readings** are taken from the New Revised Standard Version.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. The congregation is encouraged to join in with the saying of '**Amen**' at the end of prayers.

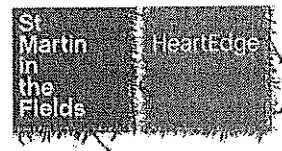
**Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.**

**Please note this service is being filmed and broadcast live on the church's website and YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be seen, please make your wishes known.**



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There are no organ voluntaries before the service. The silence of Holy Week will be broken by the Easter Acclamations and the Organ Fanfare.

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## THE LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

*The congregation stands.*

THE EASTER LITURGY      Eternal God,  
who made this most holy day  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
set us aflame with the fire of your love,  
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
to him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Easter Candle is lit.*

ACCLAMATION      The Light of Christ  
**Thanks be to God!**

Heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy  
accept our sacrifice of praise,  
your Church's solemn offering.  
Grant that this Easter Candle  
may make our darkness light.  
For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;  
Christ is risen from the dead  
and his flame of love still burns within us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever! **Amen.**

ALLELUIA

*following the Lenten silence, the choir intones the Alleluia*

Music: plainsong

## APPROACH TO GOD

### OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**therefore let us celebrate the feast! Alleluia!**

*The Processional Hymn is introduced by an ORGAN FANFARE*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**410 Jesus Christ is risen today**

### CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

*during which, the KYRIE ELEISON is sung by the choir:*

Kyrie eleison.      *Lord, have mercy.*

Christe eleison.    *Christ, have mercy.*

Kyrie eleison.      *Lord, have mercy.*

Music: Missa Sancti Nicolai, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

### ABSOLUTION

*the service continues overleaf*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. [nostram.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus Altíssimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us:  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

Translation: English Language Liturgical Consultation, 1998  
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COLLECT FOR THE  
RESURRECTION OF OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST

**Lord of life and power,  
through the mighty resurrection of your Son,  
you have overcome death  
and opened the gate of everlasting life.  
Grant that we, being dead to sin,  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10: 34-43

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

PSALM 118

**1 O praise the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy lasteth e'er.  
Let those of Israel now say,  
his mercy faileth ne'er.**

Tune at Hymn 715

**2 I in distress call'd on the Lord;  
the Lord did answer me:  
God my salvation is become,  
my strength and song is he.**

**4 This is the day God made, in it  
we'll joy triumphantly.  
Save now, I pray thee, Lord; I pray,  
send now prosperity.**

**3 In dwellings of the righteous  
is heard the melody  
of joy and health: the Lord's right hand  
doth ever valiantly.**

**5 Thou art my God, I'll thee exalt;  
my God, I will thee praise.  
Give thanks to God, for he is good:  
his mercy lasts always.**

**6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, and is,  
and shall be evermore. Amen.**

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 118: 1-2, 5a, 14-15, 24-25, 28-29

THE GOSPEL

St John 20: 1-18

ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Jesus, risen Lord of life!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 428 (refrain)  
Music: Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)  
descant by Graham MacLagan

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN **412 The strife is o'er, the battle done**

THE NICENE CREED *the text can be found at Hymn 649*

THE OFFERING *is collected.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT ENTRANCE PSALM **18 The earth belongs to God alone** Psalm 24  
**19 Ye gates, lift up your heads on high**

THE GRACE

THE NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

SURSUM CORDA The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *during which, the SANCTUS is sung by the choir:*  
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Translation: English Language Liturgical Consultation, 1998  
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THE LORD'S PRAYER      *the text can be found at Hymn 652, second form (b)*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI  
*sung by the choir*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.*

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THE HOLY COMMUNION      *All are welcome to respond to Jesus' gracious invitation to 'Take, eat' at His Table. Please remain seated; the elders will bring the elements to you.*

*We stand as the elements are returned, in procession, to the Holy Table.*

THE PEACE      The peace of the Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

DISMISSAL HYMN      **419 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son**

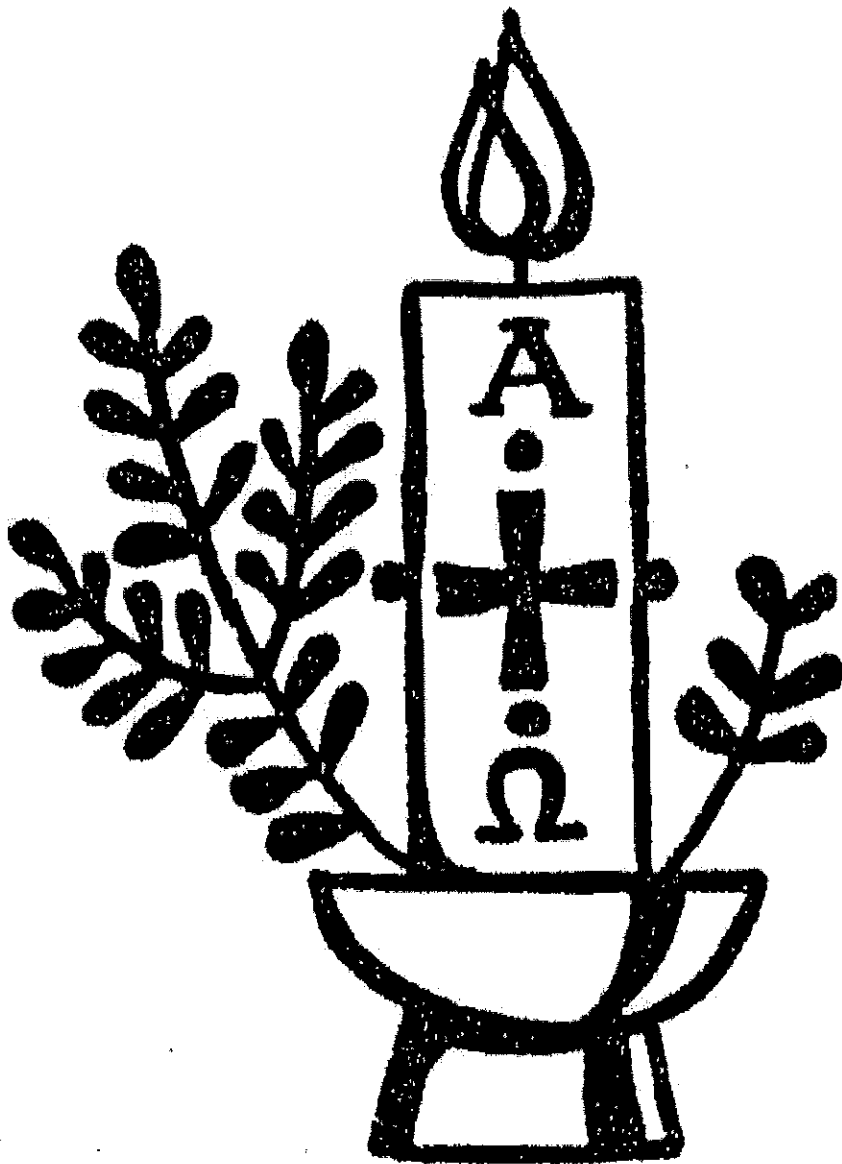
DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Eastertide Alleluia Amen

Music: Graham Maclagan

ORGAN RECESSIONAL      Toccata *from* Symphony No.5      C.-M. Widor (1844-1937)

He is Risen Indeed  
Alleluia!







The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh  
20<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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## Weekly Intimations

### **Next Week, 10.30am: Joint Celebration of Holy Communion with Greyfriars Kirk**

The monthly communion service will be with our good friends from Greyfriars, here at St Cuthbert's. This is a good opportunity to share in worship and to get to know each other over coffee afterwards.

### **Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April – 11am-2pm

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 11am-2pm

### **Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon**

Pop along for a coffee and a chat in the Lindisfarne Room.

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm: Scottish Sinfonia Spring Concert**

To close our season, we feature the music of these shores, including two 'Classic FM top twenty' favourites: Vaughan Williams' eloquent depiction of the lazy motion of a lark in flight, in which we feature our superb leader Richard Gratwick, and Elgar's well loved 'Enigma' Variations, in which he immortalised his friends in delighted miniatures - including, of course - "Nimrod", which was a key factor in spreading this wonderful work worldwide.

### **Steps to Hope**

Our charity partner continues to provide, on Sunday and Monday evenings, a hot home-cooked meal for people who find themselves in difficult situations. Would you be interested or do you know of anyone who would like the opportunity to support the local community and volunteer to assist with the Sunday Meals at St Cuthberts? The main duty is to open and close the building to ensure that our Charity Partners can continue to provide their meal service. Please get in touch with the church office for more details.

## **Prayer Circle**

Prayer requests should be made to **Irene Gill** on **226 2727**. For longer term prayer, please add names to the purple book in the vestibule. If you could be part of the Prayer Circle and spend time praying for others, please contact Irene.

## **Bible Fellowship group**

We meet every Thursday during term time at 7.30pm via Zoom to which all are invited. We are currently having a short Easter break and return on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please join our discussions.

Zoom details from [martin.pearce2109@outlook.com](mailto:martin.pearce2109@outlook.com)

## **FreshStart**

FreshStart are very grateful for all our donations of household items and non-perishable food. Please continue to place your donations in "The Big White Box" in the vestibule. If you are unable to deliver them, please telephone Jim McLean on **0131 332 5114** and leave a message with your name, phone number and that the call is about FreshStart, or email [jamesangusmclean@gmail.com](mailto:jamesangusmclean@gmail.com)