



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Second Sunday before Lent

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 23 February 2025

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is the **Second Sunday before Lent**, and the liturgical colour for this period of Ordinary Time in the church year is **green**.

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.

This morning, we also bid farewell to the **Revd Dr Peter Sutton**, who demits office as our Minister on Friday.

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 either be found in this Order of Service, or in the hymnbook at the hymn number indicated. 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. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if you would like a copy.

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

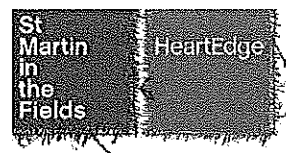
Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.

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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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep us, Lord, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand;
none can pluck us from thy hand.

Where thou leadest may we go,
walking in thy steps below;
then, before thy Father's throne,
Jesus, claim us for thine own.

Text from St John 10: 11, 27, 28,
Jane Eliza Leeson (1807-1882), altered
Music: 'Battishill', Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)

OPENING SENTENCE

Lord who is like you?
**Majestic in holiness,
worthy of awe and praise
worker of wonders?**

Exodus 15: 11

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

124 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

during which the KYRIE ELEISON is sung by all:
This can be found at Hymn 648.

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Almighty God,
your Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving love.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;
through your same Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

HYMN

598 Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 28: 10-18

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

PSALM 37

**For evil doers fret thou not
thyself unquietly;
Nor do thou envy bear to those
that work iniquity.**

Tune at Hymn 69

**For, even like unto the grass,
soon be cut down shall they;
And, like the green and tender herb,
they wither shall away.**

**Set thou thy trust upon the Lord,
and be thou doing good;
And so thou in the land shall dwell,
and verily have food.**

**Delight thyself in God; he'll give
thine heart's desire to thee.
Thy way to God commit, him trust,
it bring to pass shall he.**

**For those that evil doers are
shall be cut off and fall:
But those that wait upon the Lord
the earth inherit shall!**

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

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 37: 1-5, 9

THE GOSPEL

St Luke 6: 27-38

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 751

THE SERMON

The Revd Dr Peter Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

The following anthem was sung at the Revd Dr Peter Sutton's Ordination and Induction to the Parish Church of St Cuthbert on 1 June 2017.

ANTHEM

View me, Lord, a work of thine;
shall I then lie drowned in night?
might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
at thine altar, pure and white;
they that once thy mercies feel,
gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
when the heavenly light appears;
but the covenants thou hast made,
endless, know nor days nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
to thy mercies fast I fly.
Though I am but clay and dust,
yet thy grace can lift me high.

Text: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)
Music: Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

THE NICENE CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 649

THE OFFERING

Our offerings are collected. We stand as our offerings are processed to, and presented at, the Holy Table.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN

445 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

THE GRACE

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.

PRAYER OF
THANKSGIVING

*during which the SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS
are sung by all. These can be found at Hymn 651.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

the text can be found at Hymn 652, second form (b)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI

sung by all. This can be found at Hymn 653.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to respond to Jesus' gracious
invitation to 'Take, eat' at His Table. Please follow the
directions of the Minister and the Elders.*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

LITURGY OF FAREWELL

The Deputy Session Clerk: Today we bid farewell to our Minister, Peter.

Peter, we called you in 2017 to be our Minister.

We asked you to proclaim God's Word,

to baptise new members into the Church of Jesus Christ,

to announce God's forgiveness to us,

and to preside at our celebration of the Lord's Supper.

With the Gospel, you have comforted us in times of
sickness and trouble and at the death of our loved ones.

Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important

to our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ and in

our service to this city of Edinburgh and this community.

God has blessed you in your ministry among us,
and God has blessed us through you.

The Deputy Session Clerk: Elders, members and friends of the congregation,
as Peter now demits office, do you offer encouragement
for his ministry as it unfolds in the First (Scots)
Presbyterian Church, South Carolina?

*The congregation
responds:*

We do, with God's help.

The Deputy Session Clerk: Let us pray, saying together:

PRAYER

**O God, we give thanks for remembered times,
when we, together, have shared this life of faith.
We thank you for the moments we have shared with
Peter in worship, in prayer, and in presence.
We pray that Peter will always be aware of your Spirit's
guidance in his life and in his ministry.
Help us to trust the future which now rests in your care.
Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but
move in new directions, until that time to come when
we are completely one with you and with each other.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

DISMISSAL HYMN

682 Go in grace and make disciples

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Alleluia Amen

Music: Graham Maclagan

CHORAL FAREWELL
AND BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be ever at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you ever in the palm of His hand.

Text: Traditional Irish Blessing

Music: Bob Chilcott (b.1955)

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Postlude

Hugh Blair (1862-1932)



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh
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Weekly Intimations

Next Sunday

Next Sunday at 10.30pm, we welcome our Locum Minister Suzie Stark. Please join us to welcome her back to St Cuthbert's.

Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times

Saturday 29th March – 10am-1pm

Saturday 26th April – 11am-2pm

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

March Life and Work

The March edition of Life and Work is now available from the magazine table in the corner of the Lammermuir Hall.

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

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.

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.

Bible Fellowship group

We meet every Thursday during term time at 7.30pm via Zoom to which all are invited. The group is using the book called "Stirred by the Storm" by Bill Clinkenbeard and Ian Gilmour for its discussions on the future of the Church of Scotland. Please join our discussions. You do not need to have read the book. Zoom details from martin.pearce2109@outlook.com

Tuesday 25th February, 7pm – Ukraine Forever Concert at Usher Hall

Our Ukrainian Friends will be holding a fundraising event in the Usher Hall on Tuesday 25th February to mark the third anniversary of the Invasion of Ukraine. Tickets are £12, and can be purchased from the box office. Please call 0131 228 1155 for further info.

Saturday 1st March, 7:30 pm – Meadows Orchestra Concert

Join the Meadows Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Peter Evans, for a beautiful evening of music-making! Programme: Alexander McNamee 'From Chesser to Colinton' (World Premiere); Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E Minor, with soloist Rhea Fitzgerald; Rachmaninov Symphony No. 2