



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 19 April 2026

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is the **Third Sunday of Easter**, and the liturgical colours for this ongoing celebration of our Lord's Resurrection are **white** and **gold**.

This morning, we welcome **Mr John Ewart MacKenzie** to lead our worship.

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.

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.

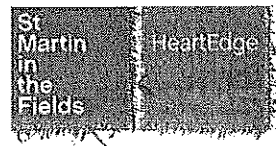


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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

Text: Psalm 34: 8

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
composed for the coronation of
Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, 1953

OPENING SENTENCES

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day
to the rising of this life itself.
The purpose of God be between us and each purpose;
The hand of God between us and each hand;
The pain of God between us and each pain;
The love of Christ between us and each love.
O God, you brought us to the light of this new day;
Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

427 Alleluia! Alleluia! hearts to heaven

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

please be seated

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**God of life and love,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

HYMN

424 Blest be the everlasting God

Paraphrase 61

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1: 17-23

PSALM 116

**I love the Lord because he heard my voice;
he listened when I cried to him for aid.
I'll call on him as long as I shall live,
because he turned to hear me when I prayed.**

Tune at
Hymn 580

**The cords of death gripped and entangled me,
upon me came the anguish of the grave;
with grief and trouble I was overcome.
Then on the name of God I called: "Lord, save!"**

**How can I thank the Lord for all he's done?
With gratitude salvation's cup I'll raise;
I'll call upon his name, and will fulfil
my vows to him before his people's face.**

**Before his people I will keep my vows,
within the courts of our God's holy place,
within the city of Jerusalem.
Unto the Lord alone be all the praise!**

**Glory to God the Father, God the Son,
and unto God the Spirit, Three in One.
From age to age let all his name adore,
And spread his fame, till time shall be no more. Amen.**

'Sing Psalms', The Free Church of Scotland, 2003,
Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-14, 18b-19

THE GOSPEL

St Luke 24: 13-35

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

Mr John Ewart MacKenzie

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

Christians, shout for joy and gladness,
cast away all fear and sadness:
Jesus, Prince of love and might,
endless life has brought to light,
He has broken death's dark prison
and from out the grave has risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hell's dark powers flee before him;
Christians, hasten to adore him.
Satan cannot harm you now:
sin's dominion is laid low;
Therefore in full-throated chorus
raise this song of praise before us: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Nature now, her youth renewing,
flowers in his path is strewing,
While the birds on every tree
to sing his praise make melody.
Field and forest, sky and ocean,
swell the strain of glad devotion: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg (1607–1681), trans. C.S. Philips
Music: Melody and figured bass by J.S. Bach (1685-1750),
additional parts by Alan Bullard

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

HYMN

527 Lord, make us servants of your peace

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One of the following responses may be used:
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**
Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

THE OFFERING *is collected, and received during the singing of:*

DOXOLOGY

**To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, praise be done,
and Christ the Lord upon us pour
the Spirit's gift for evermore. Amen.**

Hymn 811

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.

PRAYERS OF
THANKSGIVING and
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

DISMISSAL HYMN

416 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Eastertide Alleluia Amen

Music: Graham Maclagan

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

O Filii et Filiae

Jean-François Dandrieu
(c.1682-1738)

*O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death and hell rose triumphing.
Alleluia!*



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh
19th April 2026

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

As we remember that Earth Day falls this week, we pray for this Earth, our home, and ask that we might be better stewards of God's Creation.

Wednesday 15th April: Minister's Holiday

Please note that Suzie will be heading away on her well earned annual leave on 15th April until 25th April. We pray that she has a restful time, and Kirsten Kooy will be providing pastoral cover. Rev Calum Macdougall, Locum Minister at Greyfriars will cover for Suzie in the event of there being an urgent need for ministerial assistance. Calum can be contacted on 07974 031402.

Friday 24th April, 7pm: Quiz Night Social at Greyfriars Kirk

All are invited to a Quiz night Social at Greyfriars Kirk at the end of April. There will be soft drinks available and snacks, and you are welcome to BYOB. Feel free to bring a team, or to come on your own and join a team on the night. There will be a raffle on the night.

Sunday 3rd May, 7.30pm: Scottish Sinfonia Concert

With Music by Berlioz, Debussy, Faure and Saint-Saëns, Scottish Sinfonia invite you to their Spring Concert. The crowning glory concluding this performance, and bringing the season to a roof-raising conclusion, is Saint-Saëns' thrilling Organ Symphony, on our very own magnificent four-manual JW Walker organ.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

Saturday Coffee Mornings

25 th April	11am-2pm
30 th May	10am-1pm
27 th June	11am-2pm
25 th July	11am-2pm

St Cuthbert's Bible Fellowship Group

All are welcome to participate in this group every Thursday during term time. We resume on the 23rd of April at 7.30pm. The focus of the group is on fellowship. Meetings are on Zoom and details are from 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

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.

Toppings *An Evening with...* events

Monday 27th March, 7pm: Liz Earle, *How to Age*

Thursday 7th May, 7pm: Chris Brookmyre, *Quite Ugly One Evening*

Thursday 14th May, 7pm: Sara Sheridan, *The Jewel Keepers*

Friday 15th May, 7pm: Sable Sorensen, *Fury Bound*

