



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18 May 2025

A warm welcome to worship.

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

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.

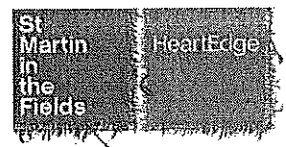
Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.

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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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth that ends all strife;
such a life as conquers death.

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

adapted by E. Harold Greer (1886-1957)

OPENING SENTENCES

Make your paths known to me Lord; teach me your ways.
**Lead me by your faithfulness and teach me,
for you are God my saviour.**

Psalms 25: 4-5

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

430 Christ has risen while earth slumbers Tune at Hymn 642

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

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

please be seated

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another
and walk in the way of his commandments,
through the same Jesus Christ
who lives 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

115 Love is the touch of intangible joy

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON	Acts 11: 1-18
EPISTLE	Revelation 21: 1-6
PSALM 148	104 The Lord of heaven confess
THE GOSPEL	St John 13: 31-35
ALLELUIA	Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus, risen Lord of life! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! <div>Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 428 (refrain) Music: Bernadette Farrell (b.1957) descant by Graham MacLagan</div>
THE SERMON	The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM	I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples. <div>Text: St John 13: 34-35 Music: Peter Aston (1938-2013)</div>
THE APOSTLES' CREED	<i>the text can be found at Hymn 628</i>
HYMN	502 Take my life, Lord, let it be Tune at Hymn 51
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION	<i>One of the following responses may be used:</i> 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
please stand

**Sing to God the Father, all creation,
sing to God his dear and only Son,.
sing to God the loving Spirit,
sing with joy to God, one God, for evermore.
*Sing to the Lord, sing Alleluia,
sing to the Lord, sing with joy!***

Hymn 817

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

519 Love divine, all loves excelling

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Eastertide Alleluia Amen

Music: Graham MacLagan

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Praeambulum supra 'Christ lag in Todesbanden'
Prelude on 'Christ lay in the bonds of death'

Johann Ludwig Krebs (c.1713-1780)



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh
18th May 2025

Weekly Intimations

Sunday 25th May, 10.30am: Sunday Worship at Greyfriars

Please note that Sunday Worship next week, 25th May, will be celebrated with our friends at Greyfriars Kirk. This weekend is also the Edinburgh Marathon Weekend, so please be aware that many roads in the Greyfriars area will be closed to traffic.

Saturday 24th May, 7.30pm: ERCU Summer Concert

For their summer concert, ERCU present some of the sunniest works in the repertoire as well as a world premiere. Tickets cost £22 (£8 for Students and children), and are available on the door. For anyone interested in joining the revitalised "Friends of ERCU", further information can be found at <https://ercu.org.uk/friends.html>.

Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times

Saturday 31st May – 11am-2pm

Saturday 28th June – 11am-2pm

Saturday 26th July – 11am-2pm

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

Sunday 15th June, 1pm: Coffee Concert

After the service on 15th June, we will have the Robert Sharon Chorale performing a concert in the Sanctuary with a retiring collection in aid of St Cuthbert's ongoing mission. The Robert Sharon Chorale is a community organization that strives to present the best of all types of chorale music - Sacred and Secular - in a concert setting.

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. 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.

Bible Fellowship group

Bible Fellowship Group meet on Thursday nights during May and June via Zoom from 7.30pm. All are invited to participate or simply listen in. Our current discussions are the prophecies that were fulfilled by Jesus on the Cross and through the Empty tomb. Zoom details 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

Life and Work – May Edition

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