



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 31 August 2025

A warm welcome to worship.

This morning, we welcome the congregation and choir of Greyfriars Kirk for this joint service as we anticipate our union, along with Prof Bert Kerrigan KC, Reader, and Dr Caroline Cradock, Director of Music.

Today is the **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**, 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.

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.

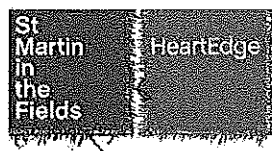
Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY	Cantabile	César Franck (1822-1890)
INTROIT	<p>Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine, et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno. Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.</p> <p><i>The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Glory to Thee, O Lord. Amen.</i></p> <p>Text: Psalm 145: 15 Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)</p>	
OPENING SENTENCES	<p>If we humble ourselves under God's mighty hand, he will lift us up.</p> <p>based on 1 Peter 5: 6</p>	
PROCESSIONAL HYMN	192 All my hope on God is founded	First Tune
CALL TO PRAYER	<i>please remain standing</i>	
PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION	<p><i>during which the KYRIE ELEISON is sung by all.</i> <i>This can be found at Hymn 648.</i></p>	
ABSOLUTION		
COLLECT OF THE DAY	<p>Almighty and ever-living God, you are the author and giver of all good things. Graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</p>	
HYMN	605 Thanks to God whose word was spoken	

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 25: 6-7

EPISTLE

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

PSALM 112

Tune at Hymn 580

**Praise God! Blessed are the ones who fear the Lord
and find delight in following his word.**

**Their children will be mighty in the land;
their line will know the blessing of God's hand.**

**Good are the ones who give and freely lend;
to their affairs with justice they attend.
Surely the righteous ones will stand secure;
their memories for ever will endure.**

**They freely share their riches with the poor;
their righteousness for ever will endure.
The Lord himself exalts his servants' names;
he gives them strength and dignity and fame.**

**Glory to God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, ever Three in One.
As was and is, and ever more shall be
world without end for all eternity. Amen.**

*Sing Psalms, The Free Church of Scotland, 2003,
Psalm 112: 1-2, 5-6, 9, altered*

THE GOSPEL

St Luke 14: 1, 7-14

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 751

THE SERMON

'Where Should I Be?'

Prof Bert Kerrigan KC

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

The Lord's my shepherd

The text can be found at Hymn 14.

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 23

Music: 'Brother James' Air', arranged by John Kitchen (b.1950)

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

668 According to thy gracious word

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

DISMISSAL HYMN **675 Now let us from this table rise** Tune at Hymn 470

DISMISSAL and BLESSING Threefold Amen
Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig BWV1095
O Lamb of God, innocent J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



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31st August 2025

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

We hold in our prayers all the young people returning to school, especially those in P1 and S1. We remember too all those teachers and assistants who will guide and inspire them through the school year.

Next Sunday, 9.30am: Communion Service in Memorial Chapel

There will be a short service of Holy Communion as usual on the First Sunday of the Month. All are welcome.

Tuesday 2nd September, 12noon: Communion Service in Memorial Chapel

There will be a short service of Holy Communion in the Memorial Chapel on Tuesday 2nd September. All are welcome.

Friday 10th October, 11am: Congregational Tour of St Cecilia's Hall

Calling all music lovers at St Cuthbert's and Greyfriars Churches. There will be a 90 minute walking tour of St Cecilia's Hall, 50 Niddry Street, EH1 1LG. We will meet there so please make your own transport arrangements. The tour will involve demonstrations of some of the antique instruments housed there also we will be given a guided overview of St Cecilia's Concert Hall (which is up some stairs.) The tour is free but donations would be very welcome. There are limited places available as it is a small venue. So please let Kirsten Kooy Pastoral Assistant know asap if you are interested! Contact details; 07523 949776. Or email kirstenkooy@aol.com

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times

Saturday 27th September – 11am-2pm

Saturday 25th October – 11am-2pm

Saturday 29th November – 11am-2pm

Bible Fellowship Group

We begin our autumn term on Thursday 4th of September, via Zoom, from 7.30pm. All are invited to participate or simply listen in. Our discussions for the new term are centre on the Psalms. Choose one and we will discuss it, and enjoy a time of fellowship. 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

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.

Tonight, 7.30pm: Scottish Sinfonia Concert – Ireland, Bliss, & Rachmaninoff

We continue our highly successful Rachmaninoff series with his epic third concerto—one of the most technically demanding works in the entire piano repertoire. Edinburgh native virtuoso Geoffrey Duce is now resident in the USA, where he is professor in the piano faculty at Illinois State University. We are delighted to be welcoming him back to perform this titanic masterpiece with us!

