



GREYFRIARS ST CUTHBERT'S

Sunday Service at St Cuthbert's

The Revd Dr George Whyte

Interim Moderator

Mr Graham MacLagan

Director of Music

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 11 October 2026

A warm welcome to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's.

Today is the **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**, and the liturgical colour for this period of Ordinary Time in the church year is **green**.

This morning, the **Revd Dr George Whyte**, our Interim Moderator and Locum Minister, leads 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 be found in the hymnbook at the numbers indicated.

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.

All our services are available for viewing at any time on our YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be seen on the broadcast, please make your wishes known.



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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

May the mind of Christ my Saviour,
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.

May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
drawing all my strength from Jesus
as I onward go.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 536: 1, 5

Text: Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928)

Music: 'Candlebeam', Alison M. Robertson (b.1940)

OPENING SENTENCE

Happy are those whom God chooses
and brings near to remain in his courts.
Lord, grant us in abundance the bounty of your house.

Psalms 65: 4

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

449 Rejoice! the Lord is King

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 OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
in our baptism you adopted us for your own.
Quicken your Spirit within us,
that we, being renewed both in body and mind,
may worship you in sincerity and truth
and serve you with thankfulness of heart;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 **485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 25: 1-9

EPISTLE Philippians 4: 1-9

PSALM 23 **1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. Hymn 14**
 He makes me down to lie
 in pastures green: he leadeth me
 the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, ev'n for his own name's sake.	4 My table thou hast furnishèd in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill: for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.	5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me: and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 23

THE GOSPEL St Matthew 22: 1-14

ALLELUIA *the music can be found at Hymn 752*

THE SERMON The Revd Dr George Whyte

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

Jesu, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find,
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind!

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is
none but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

Text: 12th Century Latin

Translated by Edward Caswell (1814-1878), altered

Music: Simon Lole (b.1957)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

HYMN

502 Take my life, Lord, let it be

Tune at Hymn 51

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 and dedicated during the singing of:*

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love,
before, beneath, around, above.**

Hymn 808

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

269 Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

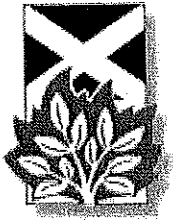
Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Pastorale

Philip Hayes (1738-1797)



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Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

We remember in our prayers all those who are working towards the calling of our next Minister - the group finalising the Parish Profile and those who are reflecting on who may form the Nominating Committee on 25th October. We ask for them all the gifts of wisdom and discernment.

Next Sunday

We are led in Worship by Mr John Kirk at 10.30am.

Sunday 18th October, 12noon: Coffee Concert with Sopranaria

Moira Scott, Robert Duncan, and Barbara Scott will be giving a coffee concert following the service on Sunday 18th October, with duets and art songs from Donizetti, Faure, Brahms, and more. There will be a retiring Collection towards the work of the Church.

Sunday 18th October, 4pm: Pinewood School Concert

Please join us for a free concert given by Pinewood School.

Sunday 25th October, 1pm: Coffee Concert with Madison Cozens

Madison Cozens and Martyn Strachan will be giving a coffee concert following the service on Sunday 25th October. Madison Cozens is a New Zealand-born Scottish mezzo-soprano who has recently graduated from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Throughout her time in Edinburgh, Madison studied privately with Margaret Aronson and sang with the Edinburgh Studio Opera. There will be a retiring Collection towards the work of the Church.

Thursday 19th November, 7pm: OASIS Quiz for FreshStart

We will be holding our Annual OASIS Quiz on 19th November this year. Doors will open at 7, with the quiz to start at 7.30pm. There will be soup and bread available, and you are welcome to bring a bottle of wine to share with your team. Teams are limited to 5, with a suggested donation of £10 per team. All money raised will go to FreshStart. Please register teams with the church office at office@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk, in order that we can ensure numbers for catering.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

Saturday Coffee Mornings

26 th September	10am-1pm (In Lindisfarne Room)
31 st October	11am-2pm
28 th November	11am-2pm

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 **0131 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 Meetings from 3rd September

All are welcome to the Thursday nights Bible Fellowship meetings from 7.30pm to 8.45pm via Zoom. Our next subjects are the speeches by Paul in Acts. If you have not tried such a group before, please give this one a try. You will receive a warm welcome. You can listen or join in the discussions as suits you. Zoom details from martin.pearce2109@outlook.com

Union Update

At the Kirk Session meeting last Tuesday (6th of October) the Session voted by a very large majority to depart from the Church's practice in relation to human sexuality in order for applications for the proposed appointment of a Minister to the congregation to be considered from, amongst others, individuals who are in a same sex civil partnership or a same sex marriage.

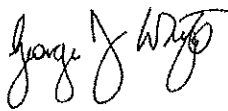
There is an important step in the process to call a new minister which will be taken in the next few weeks. Please see the details below .

ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of this congregation of Greyfriars St Cuthbert's will be held in the Parish Church of St Cuthbert on Sunday 25th October at the close of morning worship for the purpose of appointing a Nominating Committee.

The task of the Nominating Committee will be to nominate one person to this congregation to be the new Minister.

At that meeting, the congregation shall be invited to elect thirteen people who are on the Electoral Roll of this congregation Greyfriars St Cuthbert's to serve on the Nominating Committee. If you wish to propose anyone to serve on the Committee you may do so at the meeting providing the person has indicated a willingness to serve.



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Please, therefore, give due consideration to who you would like to represent the congregation in this process. We have the responsibility of electing a committee who can represent the breadth of congregational life as they interact with ministers who apply for the charge. So, we need a good spread of ages, a reasonable gender balance and people from the different groups, activities and places of worship which form our "community of communities". Nominations (and seconding) will be received on the day from anyone whose name appears on the Electoral Register (the list of communicant members and adherents prepared by the Kirk Session). If you wish to check on whether your name is on the Register please contact the Session Clerk at sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com Should you wish to nominate someone who is unable to attend on the day, please bring written confirmation of their willingness to serve.' When the meeting has finished nominating potential Committee members and there are more than thirteen names a vote will be held by ballot where each person present whose name is on the Electoral Register will be able to vote for up to thirteen of the persons nominated. The count will be held immediately afterwards, and the names of the Nominating Committee will be read out.