



GREYFRIARS ST CUTHBERT'S

Sunday Service at St Cuthbert's

The Revd Dr George Whyte

Interim Moderator

Mr Graham Maclagan

Director of Music

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Third Sunday of Creationtide

Sunday 20 September 2026

A warm welcome to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's.

Today is the **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**. It is also the **Third Sunday of Creationtide**, which is a worldwide celebration of prayer and action from 1 September to 4 October (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi). The appropriate colour for this season of the church year is **green**.

This morning, we welcome back the **Revd Suzie Stark** 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 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

For me to live in Christ:
with him new life begins;
his loving touch renews my mind
and takes away my sins.

For me to live in Christ:
to serve is now my aim;
to help wherever there is need,
and care in Jesus' name.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 643: 1, 3
Text: Peter Henry Kelway Tongeman (1929-1990)
Music: 'St Michael (Old 134th)',
melody from French-Genevan Psalter, 1551

OPENING SENTENCE

To the Lord belongs the earth and everything in it,
the world and all its inhabitants.

Psalm 24:1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

482 Come, let us to the Lord our God

Paraphrase 30

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,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim
the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR
CREATIONTIDE

**Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for your gracious providing
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

HYMN

240 God in such love for us lent us his planet

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11

EPISTLE

Philippians 1: 21-30

PSALM 145

**I will exalt you, O my God and King;
For ever I will praise your holy name.
I will extol your name for evermore;
day after day your praise I will proclaim.**

Tune at Hymn 221

**Great is the Lord, most worthy of all praise;
his greatness none can search or comprehend.
Each generation will recount your deeds
and to the next your mighty acts commend.**

**The Lord is gracious and compassionate;
he's slow to anger, rich in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all that he has made,
and merciful to all on earth that move.**

**Glory to God the Father, God the Son,
and unto God the Spirit, Three in One.
His power and love proclaim from shore to shore,
and spread his fame, till time shall be no more. Amen.**

'Sing Psalms', The Free Church of Scotland, 2003

Psalm 145: 1-4, 8, 9

THE GOSPEL

St Matthew 20:1-16

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 752

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight – our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace:
no work too hard for him – in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Text and Music: David J. Evans (b.1957),
arranged by Richard Shepherd

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

HYMN

255 Father, hear the prayer we offer

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

**All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son
and Spirit, now be given:
the one, eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Hymn 813

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

286 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

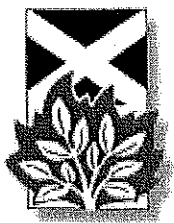
Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

VIII: Poco allegro – Adagio, come prima – Largamente
from Vesper Voluntaries Op.14

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)



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Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

In Exodus we read "there was no water for the people to drink". This speaks to global experience today, where change is brutal and sudden. May every generation living come together in a creative response right now and may we become better stewards of the oceans, seas, rivers and all waters that provide and sustain.

With thanks to Eco Congregation Scotland.

Today

We welcome back the Rev Suzie Stark to lead us in worship today.

Next Sunday – Service only at Greyfriars Kirk

Next Sunday, 27th September, there will be one service of Holy Communion at Greyfriars Kirk. This will be led by our Interim Moderator and Locum Minister Rev Dr George Whyte.

Sunday 4th October

On Sunday 4th October, we welcome back Rev. Suzie Stark to lead our 9.30am Communion Service in the Memorial Chapel, and our 10.30am Sunday Worship Service.

Saturday 26th September, 10am-4.30pm: ERCU Come and Sing Cancelled

Unfortunately, this planned event has been cancelled by the ERCU.

Sunday 27th September, 7.30pm: Symphonic Praise 2026, St Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow.

In 2024, Origin Scotland hosted their striking event Symphonic Praise here at St Cuthbert's. This is an evening of worship led by the Origin Scotland Choir and orchestra, and this year it is being held at St Michael's Parish Church in Linlithgow. Tickets are available from www.symphonicpraise.org.

Sound System

We are aware that there have been problems with more modern hearing aids connecting through their Bluetooth capabilities, and we are consulting and working to ensure that this is sorted as soon as possible.

October Coffee Concerts

In October, we will have two coffee concerts immediately following the services on the 18th and 25th October. These will run from 12noon to 1pm, and have a retiring collection. More information will be broadcast in the coming weeks.

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

