



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Second Sunday before Lent

Sunday 8 February 2026

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is the **Second Sunday before Lent**. The liturgical colour for this period of Ordinary Time in the church year is **green**.

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.

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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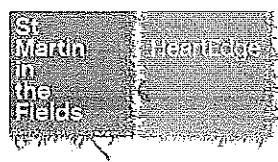
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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

Take, oh take, me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 795
Text and Music: John L. Bell (b.1949)

OPENING SENTENCE

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.
**No follower of mine shall walk in darkness;
he shall have the light of life.'**

St John 8: 12

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

132 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH
AND CONFESSION

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

please be seated

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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

601 Look upon us, blessed Lord

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT	Isaiah 58: 1-12	
EPISTLE	1 Corinthians 2: 1-16	
PSALM 112	<p>1 Praise ye the Lord. The man is blessed that fears the Lord aright, he who in his commandments doth greatly take delight.</p> <p>2 Unto the upright light doth rise, though he in darkness be: compassionate, and merciful, and righteous, is he.</p> <p>3 A good man doth his favour shew, and doth to others lend: he with discretion his affairs will guide unto the end.</p> <p>4 He hath dispersed, giv'n to the poor; his righteousness shall be to ages all; with honour shall his horn be raisèd high.</p> <p>5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore, be glory, as it was, and is, and shall be evermore. Amen.</p>	Tune at Hymn 1
THE GOSPEL	St Matthew 5: 13-20	
ALLELUIA	<i>the music can be found at Hymn 752</i>	
THE SERMON	The Revd Suzie Stark	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM	'A Clare Benediction'
	<p>May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide: may he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side. When you sleep may his angels watch over you; when you wake may he fill you with his grace: may you love him and serve him all your days then in heaven may you see his face.</p>

Text and Music: John Rutter (b.1945)

THE APOSTLES' CREED *the text can be found at Hymn 628*

HYMN **93 Let us with a gladsome mind** based on Psalm 136
First Tune

PRAYERS OF *One of the following responses may be used:*
INTERCESSION 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 Father, Son and Holy Ghost,** Hymn 806
the God whole we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

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 **112 God, whose almighty word**

DISMISSAL and BLESSING Threefold Amen
Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL Hymn Prelude on St Denio Pietro Cattaneo (b.1998)
Immortal, invisible, God only wise



Weekly Intimations Union Update -

Prayerful Practice

As we mark Racial Justice Sunday, may the Love of Christ strengthen our courage, deepen our listening, and guide us to stand alongside all who are wronged or overlooked.

Congregational Survey

Please catch up with the latest news in the Union Newsletter and if you can then complete the congregational survey, this gives you an opportunity to have your say. If you are unable to fill in the details online, then have a word with Christine at the end, as she can help facilitate this. Paper copies are also available. For more details contact sessionclerk@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk

Today, 11.30am: Holy Communion in Anam Chara Chapel

Please join us after the service for a short service of Holy Communion held in the Anam Chara Ohapel.

Tuesday 10th February, 7pm: Session Meeting – CANCELLED

Please note, this meeting has been cancelled, and a meeting will be held on 17th March.

Sunday 22nd February: Greyfriars-St Cuthbert's Joint Service & Lunch

Please join us for a joint luncheon of soup and sandwiches here at St Cuthbert's following the Joint Communion Service with Greyfriars. All are warmly invited.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

Saturday Coffee Mornings

28 th February	11am-2pm
28 th March	10am-1pm
25 th April	11am-2pm

Bottle Tops

Please note that we are no longer collecting bottle tops. Since the change in plastics, these can now be recycled with your milk bottle. Many thanks.

Stamps

The Church of Scotland will cease to collect used stamps by February this year. Other charities are still collecting them, including RNIB, who can be contacted directly for details on RNIBstamps@rnib.org.uk.

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

St Cuthbert's Bible Fellowship Group

All are welcome to participate in this group every Thursday during term time at 7.30pm. The topic for this term is the Letter to the Romans. The focus of the group is on fellowship. Meetings are on Zoom and details are from martin.pearce2109@outlook.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.

