

The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Feast of St Peter and St Paul

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Sunday 29 June 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.

Today is the **Feast of St Peter and St Paul** when the church honours the martyrdom of both Peter and Paul, who were executed in Rome under Emperor Nero. The liturgical colour of the day is **red**, recognising their respective martyrdoms.

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.

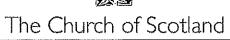
The text of the **Psalm** can be found in this Order of Service. The **Alleluia**, the **Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer** can also be found in the hymnbook at the numbers indicated in this Order of Service. **Bible Readings** are taken from the New Revised Standard Version.

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.

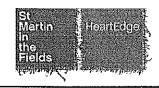
Please note this service is being filmed and broadcast live on the church's website and YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be seen, please make your wishes known.











APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

The eternal gifts of Christ the King, the apostles' glorious deeds, we sing; and while due hymns of praise we pay, Our thankful hearts cast grief away.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love, that, with this glorious band above, hereafter, of thine endless grace, thy servants also may have place.

Church Hymnary, Third Edition, Hymn 540
Text attributed to St Ambrose (c.340-397),
translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866), and others
Music: Form of the plainsong melody 'Aeterna Christi munera'

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus said to his disciples,

'I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.'

St John 14.13

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

745 How bright these glorious spirits shine!

Paraphrase 66

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

during which, the KYRIE ELEISON is sung by the choir:

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Music: Mass for Four Voices, William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Almighty God,
whose blessèd apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 11: 1-3; 15-18

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

PSALM 125

1 They in the Lord that firmly trust shall be like Zion hill, which at no time can be removed, but standeth ever still.

Tune at Hymn 87

- 2 As round about Jerusalem the mountains stand alway, the Lord his folk doth compass so, from henceforth and for ave.
- 3 Do thou to all those that be good thy goodness, Lord, impart; and do thou good to those that are upright within their heart.
- 4 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore, be glory, as it was, and is, and shall be evermore. Amen.

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 125: 1, 2, 4

THE GOSPEL

St John 21: 15-22

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 751

THE SERMON

'Contrasts - Peter and Paul'

Prof Bert Kerrigan KC

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

534 Make me a captive, Lord

THE NICENE CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 649

THE OFFERING is collected.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT

18 The earth belongs to God alone

Psalm 24

ENTRANCE PSALM

19 Ye gates, lift up your heads on high

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.

THE NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER
OF THANKSGIVING

during which, the SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS are sung by the choir:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

> Translation: English Language Liturgical Consultation, 1998 Music: Mass for Four Voices, William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

the text can be found at Hymn 652, second form (b)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI sung by the choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to respond to Jesus' gracious invitation to 'Take, eat' at His Table. Please remain seated; the elders will bring the elements to you.

We stand as the elements are returned, in procession, to the Holy Table.

THE PEACE

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

DISMISSAL HYMN

742 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!

Tune at Hymn 127

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Dresden Amen

Music: Johann Naumann (1741-1801)



NUNC DIMITTIS sung by all

Lord now lettest thou thy servant de- · part in · peace:

ac- \cdot cording \cdot to thy \cdot word.

For mine eyes have · seen thy sal- · vation:

which thou hast prepared

before the \cdot face of \cdot all \cdot people.

To be a light to · lighten the · Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Isra - el

Glory · be to the · Father:

and to the Son - and to the - Holy - Ghost:

as it \cdot was in the be \cdot ginning:

is now and ever shall be · world without · end. A- · men

Text from St Luke 2: 29-32

Music: William Hine (1687-1703)

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Postlude

Hugh Blair (1862-1932)



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Weekly Intimations

Today, 2pm: Ukrainian Chamber Choir

There will be a free Summer Choral Concert held this afternoon in the Sanctuary. All welcome.

Tuesday 1st July, 12noon: Tuesday Communion

After the Coffee Morning this coming Tuesday, there will be a short service of Holy Communion in the War Memorial Chapel. All are welcome.

Wednesday 2nd July, 7.00pm: Extraordinary Session Meeting

An extraordinary meeting of the Kirk session is scheduled of the 2nd of July in the Lindisfarne Room. This is to discuss the proposed Union with Greyfriars Kirk. All Elders are encouraged to attend this hugely important meeting.

Thursday 3rd July, 12.15pm: Congregational Lunch

After the successful Christmas lunch, there is now a plan afoot to have a summer lunch, hosted at St Cuthberts. Please do let Kirsten Kooy know if you are able to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet available at Sunday Coffee after the Service. All welcome, but especially those who have been unable to attend church for health or other reasons. Our friends at Greyfriars Kirk will also have some spaces available so we can mingle over lunch. Any questions please contact Kirsten Kooy, Pastoral Assistant.

Sunday 6th July, 9.30am: Communion Service in Memorial Chapel

There will be a short service of Holy Communion next week in the War Memorial Chapel at 9.30am. All are welcome.

Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times

Saturday 26th July – 11am-2pm Saturday 30th August – 10am-1pm

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am - noon

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

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 - July Edition

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

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.