



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday The Sacrament of Holy Communion Sunday 26 April 2026

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**, and the liturgical colours for this ongoing celebration of our Lord's Resurrection are **white** and **gold**.

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

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.

Bible Readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version.

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.

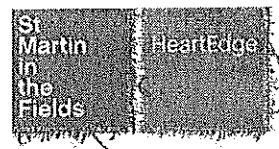


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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand;
none can pluck me from thy hand.

I would praise thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above
happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy lambs thy voice to hear;
suffer not our steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou ledest we would go,
walking in thy steps below,
till before our Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

Text: Jane E. Leeson (1807-1882)

Music: Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

OPENING SENTENCE

Acknowledge that the Lord is God;
he made us, and we are his own people,
the flock which he shepherds.

Psalm 100: 3

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

420 Earth, earth, awake; your praises sing: *Alleluia!*

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

during which the KYRIE ELEISON is sung by all:
This can be found at Hymn 648.

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God of peace,
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great Shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of an eternal covenant,
make us perfect in goodness
so that we may do your will;
and create in us what is pleasing to you;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

551 In heavenly love abiding

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2: 42-47

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2: 19-25

PSALM 100

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

Hymn 63

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**Oh, enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 100

THE GOSPEL

St John 10: 1-10

ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, Alleluia,
Jesus, risen Lord of life!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 428 (refrain)
Music: Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)
descant by Graham Maclagan

THE SERMON

The Revd Calum Macdougall

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture; and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul; and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Text: The US Book of Common Prayer, 1928, Psalm 23

Music: John Rutter (b.1945)

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

655 For your generous providing

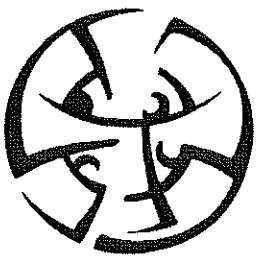
Tune at Hymn 642

THE GRACE

NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

SURSUM CORDA	<p>The Lord be with you. and also with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>	
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	<p><i>during which the SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS are sung by all. These can be found at Hymn 651.</i></p>	
THE LORD'S PRAYER	<p><i>the text can be found at Hymn 652, second form (b)</i></p>	
BREAKING OF THE BREAD		
AGNUS DEI	<p><i>sung by all. This can be found at Hymn 653.</i></p>	
THE HOLY COMMUNION	<p><i>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.</i></p>	
THE PEACE	<p>The peace of the Lord be with you and also with you.</p>	
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER		
DISMISSAL HYMN	272 Father of peace, and God of love!	Paraphrase 60
DISMISSAL and BLESSING	<p>Eastertide Alleluia Amen Music: Graham Maclagan</p>	
ORGAN RECESSIONAL	<p>Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt The Lord is my faithful Shepherd Johann Pachabel (c.1653-1706)</p>	



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26th April 2026

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we too are called to look after his flock. Pray for all who minister in his name, and let us consider how we might pay a part in caring for others.

Thursday 30th April, 12noon: Change to Greyfriars@12 schedule

There has been a change made to the upcoming Greyfriars@12 Spring Series programme. There will be no lunchtime concert next Thursday 30 April. This is due to essential organ maintenance work to our Peter Collins organ which was unfortunately recently damaged. The Spring Series will continue Thursday 07 May. All information on the upcoming concerts can be found on the Greyfriars website.

Sunday 3rd May, 9.30am: Holy Communion in the Memorial Chapel

Next Sunday, we have our usual early morning Communion Service in the Memorial Chapel. All are welcome.

Sunday 3rd May, 7.30pm: Scottish Sinfonia Concert

With Music by Berlioz, Debussy, Faure and Saint-Saëns, Scottish Sinfonia invite you to their Spring Concert. The crowning glory concluding this performance, and bringing the season to a roof-raising conclusion, is Saint-Saëns' thrilling Organ Symphony, on our very own magnificent four-manual JW Walker organ.

Tuesday 5th May, 7pm: Kirk Session Meeting

As we journey towards the proposed union with Greyfriars Kirk, all elders are asked to attend the above Kirk Session Meeting if possible.

Wednesday 6th May, 12.30pm-4.30pm: soul space

Our next soul space session of contemplative worship will be on the 6th of May. In this season, we are looking at the psalms, and in our May reflection, we will be looking at Ascent.

Tuesday 12th May – Thursday 21st May, 10am-4pm: Art Exhibition

There will be an exhibition of paintings by Edinburgh Artist Angela Brown in the Lammermuir Hall from the 12th of May to the 21st of May.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

Saturday Coffee Mornings

30 th May	10am-1pm
27 th June	11am-2pm
25 th July	11am-2pm

St Cuthbert's Bible Fellowship Group

Bible Fellowship Group meet every Thursday evening until the end of June from 7.30pm via Zoom. All are welcome to join this time of fellowship and Bible reflections. Our subject for this summer term are "The Appearances of the Risen Jesus" and "The Characters of the Acts of the Apostles." 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

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.

Toppings *An Evening with...* events

Monday 27th April, 7pm: Liz Earle, *How to Age*

Thursday 7th May, 7pm: Chris Brookmyre, *Quite Ugly One Evening*

Thursday 14th May, 7pm: Sara Sheridan, *The Jewel Keepers*

Friday 15th May, 7pm: Sable Sorensen, *Fury Bound*

