



# The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## The Second Sunday of Creationtide

Sunday 14 September 2025

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**A warm welcome to worship.**

Today is the **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**. It is also the **Second 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**.

**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.**



The Church of Scotland



# APPROACH TO GOD

## INTROIT

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy-seat;  
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
thy former mercies here renew;  
here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
the sweetness of thy saving name.

The New English Hymnal, Hymn 390: 1, 3

Music: 'St Sepulchre', George Cooper (1820-1876)

## OPENING SENTENCE

This is what love really is: not that we loved God,  
**but that God loved us and sent his Son**  
**as a sacrifice to atone for our sins.**

1 John 4: 10

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**201 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**

## 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,  
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

**146 From all that dwell below the skies**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 32: 7-14

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

PSALM 51

**1 After thy loving-kindness, Lord,  
have mercy upon me:  
for thy compassions great, blot out  
all mine iniquity.**

Tune at Hymn 81

**2 Me cleanse from sin, and thoroughly  
from mine iniquity: [wash  
for my transgressions I confess;  
my sin I ever see.**

**4 Do thou with hyssop sprinkle me,  
I shall be cleansèd so;  
yea, wash thou me, and then I shall  
be whiter than the snow.**

**3 Gainst thee, thee only, have I sinned,  
in thy sight done this ill;  
that when thou speak'st thou may'st  
and clear in judging still. [be just,**

**5 All mine iniquities blot out,  
thy face hide from my sin.  
Create a clean heart, Lord, renew  
a right spirit me within.**

**6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, and is,  
and shall be evermore. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL                      St Luke 15: 1-10

ALLELUIA                      *the music can be found at Hymn 752*

THE SERMON                      The Revd Suzie Stark

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM                      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.
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Where thou leadest 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)

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

HYMN                      **483 Father of heaven, whose love profound**

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 during the singing of:*

DOXOLOGY	<b>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God the Trinity of love, before, beneath, around, above.</b>	Hymn 808
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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

**555 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound**

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Dresden Amen

Music: Johann Naumann (1741-1801)

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig P.393

*O Lamb of God, innocent*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)