



# The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Christian Aid Sunday

Sunday 10 May 2026

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**A warm welcome to worship.**

Today is the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, and the appropriate colours for this ongoing celebration of our Lord's Resurrection are **white** and **gold**. Today is also **Christian Aid Sunday**, when we mark and give thanks for the work of Christian Aid.

**Hymns** are unannounced and sung standing unless otherwise indicated. The text of the **Psalm** can either be found in this Order of Service, or in the hymnbook at the hymn number indicated. 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. Please ask if you would like a copy. The Old and New Testaments are numbered separately.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. The congregation is encouraged to join in 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.**

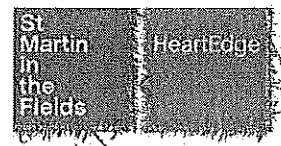


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## APPROACH TO GOD

### INTROIT

Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

*Where there is charity and love,  
God is there.*

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 801

Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

### OPENING SENTENCES

If you, bad as you are, know how to give  
good things to your children,  
**how much more will you heavenly Father give  
good things to those who ask him!**

St Matthew 7: 11

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**430 Christ has risen while earth slumbers**

Tune at Hymn 642

### 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 FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass all understanding.  
Pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR  
CHRISTIAN AID

**O Holy Spirit of love,  
quicken our imaginations that we may feel more deeply  
for the needs of others as we put ourselves in their place.  
Give us hearts of self-forgetting compassion  
which will move us to give  
from that which you have given us,  
and to be good neighbours to those both near and far,  
for the sake of him who taught us  
that it is more blessed to give than receive,  
even Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

HYMN

**417 Now the green blade riseth**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17: 22-31

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3: 13-22

PSALM 66

**1 O peoples, praise our God;  
his praise in song repeat.  
He has preserved our soul alive,  
from slipping kept our feet.**

Tune at Hymn 45

**2 You let us be oppressed;  
we went through flood and fire.  
But yet you brought us to a place  
which met our hearts' desire.**

**4 Come, all who fear our God;  
I'll tell what he has done.  
I cried out to him with my mouth;  
his praise was on my tongue.**

**3 I'll keep the vows I made  
when trouble came my way;  
rams, bulls and goats I'll sacrifice  
and on your altar lay.**

**5 For ever God be praised,  
who hears me from above;  
he has not turned away my prayer  
or kept from me his love.**

**6 To thee be glory, Lord,  
whom heaven and earth adore,  
to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
one God for evermore. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL St John 14: 15-21

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

CHRISTIAN AID Maggie Romanis

THE SERMON The Revd Suzie Stark

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "Take up your cross," the Saviour said,  
"if you would my disciple be;  
"take up your cross with willing heart,  
"and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross, let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish heart be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death,  
upon a cross, on Calvery's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Text: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), altered  
Music: 'Bourbon', attributed to Freeman Lewis (1825),  
arranged by Rebecca Groom te Velde (b.1956)

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

HYMN **694 Brother, sister, let me serve you**

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

**Glory be to God  
glory to God's Son,  
glory to the Spirit  
ever three in one.**

Hymn 218: 4

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

**152 Praise the Lord, his glories show, Alleluia!**

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

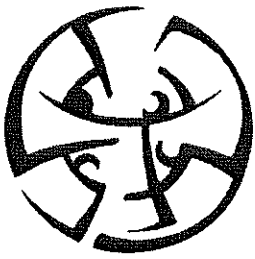
Eastertide Alleluia Amen

Music: Graham Maclagan

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Prelude on 'Llanfair'

R.S. Groves (1912-1994)



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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## Weekly Intimations

### Prayerful Practice

This Christian Aid Week let's hold in our prayers all staff and volunteers who work tirelessly for Christian Aid, reaching out to show Christ's love to those in need all around the world.

### Union Update

The congregational vote for the proposed Union with Greyfriars Kirk is scheduled to take place immediately after the 1030am service on Sunday 31st of May. All members will receive information about this through the post, shortly. Any queries please contact Christine at [sessionclerk@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk](mailto:sessionclerk@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk) or contact the office

### Today, 11.30am: Holy Communion in Anam Chara

Today, the Sunday service will be followed by a short service of Holy Communion in the Anam Chara Chapel. All are welcome.

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 11am: Funeral for Irene Mackenzie

All are invited to pay their respects at the funeral for Irene Mackenzie later this month.

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 10am-4pm: Art Exhibition

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

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 7.30pm: Helen Hopekirk Festival - Concert

The Helen Hopekirk Festival presents Gary Steigerwalt & Dana Muller: "A Life in Two Parts: Folk and Classical Inspiration on Both Sides of the Pond". This is a showcase of the Music of Helen Hopekirk. Tickets cost £14, and are available from <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/helenhopekirkfestival/2131555>

### Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

## **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 10am-6pm: Helen Hopekirk Competition for Young Pianists and Organists**

The Helen Hopekirk Organ Festival will be holding their competition for Young Pianists and Organists in St Cuthbert's this year. Tickets for the event are free, and can be found here -

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/helenhopekirkfestival/2162090>

## **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm: KammerPhilharmonie Freiburg Concert**

There will be a free concert of orchestral music on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome.

## **Saturday Coffee Mornings**

30 <sup>th</sup> May	10am-1pm
27 <sup>th</sup> June	11am-2pm
25 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm: Sara Sheridan, *The Jewel Keepers*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm: Sable Sorensen, *Fury Bound*

