



# The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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## **The Transfiguration of our Lord**

### **The Sunday next before Lent**

Sunday 15 February 2026

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is the **Sunday next before Lent**, when we also celebrate the **Transfiguration of our Lord**. The liturgical colours for this day of celebration are **white** and **gold**.

**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 hymn 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.**

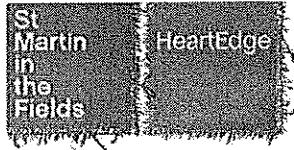
**Please note this service is being filmed and broadcast live on the church's website and YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be seen, please make your wishes known.**



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## APPROACH TO GOD

### INTROIT

Christ, upon the mountain peak  
stands alone in glory blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak,  
with the saints and angels praise him — Alleluya!

Trembling at his feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the Law  
shout through them their joyful greeting — Alleluya!

The New English Hymnal, Hymn 177: 1, 2

Text: Brian Wren (b.1936)

Music: 'Christus ist Erstanden', 12th century melody,  
harmony chiefly by G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

### OPENING SENTENCE

The Son of man must be lifted up,  
in order that everyone who has faith  
may in him have eternal life.

St John 3: 14-15

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**128 How shall I sing that majesty**

### CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

### PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy.

please be seated

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

### COLLECT FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

**God of light and truth,  
open our eyes to the glory of your presence  
in the world around us, but chiefly in the face  
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord;  
that we may grow into his likeness,  
and attain the happy fulfilment of our hope  
when the splendour of the Saviour will be revealed;  
through the same 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

**125 Lord of all being, throned afar**

## THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 24: 12-18

EPISTLE

2 Peter 1: 16-21

PSALM 2

**Why do the heathen nations rage?  
Why do the peoples plot in vain?  
Earth's kings combine in enmity;  
her rulers join against God's reign.**

Tune at Hymn 402  
first tune

**They take their stand against the Lord  
and challenge his anointed one:  
"Let us break off their chains from us;  
with their restraints let us be done."**

**The One enthroned in heaven laughs;  
the Lord on high derides them all.  
Then he rebukes them in his wrath;  
his rage and terror on them fall.**

**The Lord has made it known to them:  
"My chosen king I have installed  
on Zion, my own holy hill.  
he is the one whom I have called."**

**Pay homage to the royal son  
lest you in wrath aside are thrust,  
for swiftly can his anger blaze.  
Blessèd are all who in him trust.**

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom earth and heav'n adore,  
Be glory as it was of old, is now,  
and so shall be for evermore. Amen.**

'Sing Psalms', The Free Church of Scotland, 2003,  
Psalm 2: 1-6, 12

THE GOSPEL

St Matthew 17: 1-9

ALLELUIA

*the music can be found at Hymn 751*

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
dignare clemens supplicum  
laudes precesque summere.

Qui carne quondam contagi  
dignatus es pro perditis,  
nos membra confer effici  
tui beati corporis.

*O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive  
suppliant praise and prayer.*

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members  
of thy blessed body.*

Text: 10<sup>th</sup> Century Hymn  
Music: Edmund Jolliffe (b.1976)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*the text can be found at Hymn 628*

HYMN

**579 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life**

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

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship God in humbleness.  
O praise him, alleluia!

Hymn 147: 7

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

**355 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd**

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

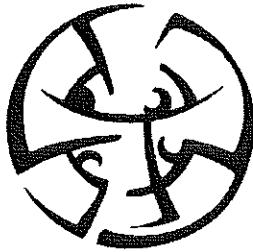
Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Grand plein jeu  
*from Suite du Premier Ton*

L.-N. Clérambault (1676-1749)



## Weekly Intimations and Union Update Congregational Survey

### Prayerful Practice

We remember the communities in London and Canada following the recent attacks in schools. As we hold especially those in British Columbia in our prayers, may those who grieve find comfort, those who respond find strength, and all who feel shaken know they are not alone. Let our own practice this week be one of quiet compassion and steady care for one another.

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](mailto:sessionclerk@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk)

### Wednesday 18th February: Imposition of Ashes

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer a service with Imposition of Ashes this year, but all are welcome to join the services next door at St John's, which are held at 11am, and 7.30pm.

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Greyfriars-St Cuthbert's Joint Service & Lunch

Please join us next week 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 <sup>th</sup> February	11am-2pm
28 <sup>th</sup> March	10am-1pm
25 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:RNIBstamps@rnib.org.uk).

## **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.

## **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.

