



# The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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## The Feast of St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne

### The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 22 March 2026

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**A warm welcome to worship.**

Today we celebrate our patron saint, **St Cuthbert**, as Friday past – 20 March – was **St Cuthbert's Day**. Today is also the **Fifth Sunday of Lent**. In keeping with the Lenten season of self-denial, preparation, and penitence, no Alleluias are sung. The penitential liturgical colour of **purple**, however, gives way to **white** and **gold** for this celebratory day.

**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 **Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer** can 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 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.**

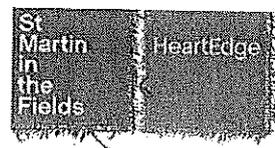


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## APPROACH TO GOD

### INTROIT

O Thou whose all redeeming might  
crowns every saint in glory bright,  
on this commemoration day  
hear us, good Jesu, while we pray.

O grant that we, most gracious God,  
may follow in the steps they trod;  
and, freed from every stain of sin,  
as they have won may also win.

Text: 8th century hymn,  
translated by R.M. Benson SSJE (1824-1915), altered  
Music: plainsong

### OPENING SENTENCE

The saints are those who keep the commandments of God  
**and hold fast to the faith of Jesus.**

Revelation 14: 12

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**160 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**

### CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

### PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

please be seated

### COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF ST CUTHBERT

**Almighty God, who called your servant Cuthbert  
from following the flock to follow your Son  
and to be a shepherd of your people:  
in your mercy, grant that we, following his example,  
may bring those who are lost home to your fold;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive 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

**744 Hark how the adoring hosts above**

Paraphrase 65

## THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

EPISTLE

Acts 2: 14, 22-36

PSALM 149

**1 Praise ye the Lord: unto him sing  
a new song, and his praise  
in the assembly of his saints  
in sweet psalms do ye raise.**

Tune at Hymn 6

**2 Let Isr'el in his Maker joy,  
and to him praises sing:  
Let all that Zion's children are  
be joyful in their King.**

**4 For God doth pleasure take in those  
that his own people be;  
and he with his salvation  
the meek will beautify.**

**3 O let them unto his great name  
give praises in the dance;  
let them with timbrel and with harp  
in songs his praise advance.**

**5 And in his glory excellent  
let all his saints rejoice:  
Let them to him upon their beds  
aloud lift up their voice.**

**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 Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 149: 1-5

THE GOSPEL

St Matthew 18: 12-14

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Text from a Book of Hours, Sarum, 1514  
Music: David Fawcett (b.1964)

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

HYMN                             **747 Jerusalem the golden**

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                     **To God the Father, God the Son,**                     Hymn 812  
**and God the Spirit, three in one,**  
**praise, honour, might and glory be**  
**from age to age eternally. Amen.**

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                **741 Glory to you, O God**

DISMISSAL and BLESSING     plainsong Amen

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The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh  
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## Weekly Intimations

### Prayerful Practice

As we enter Passiontide, we bind ourselves to Christ, the One who stands with us in every place of grief and leads us to a promise stronger than death. We pray for all those in times of grief and sorrow. Amen.

### Today, following the service

Immediately following the 10.30am service members of the joint Working Group are available for a question and answer session if you have points to raise following the last newsletter or about any other Union questions or queries. Please remain seated in the Sanctuary to take part and find out more.

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am: Joint Service with Greyfriars

Please note that next week's service is a joint communion service celebrating Palm Sunday alongside Greyfriars, and there will be **no** service here at St Cuthbert's.

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30pm: Any Questions Recording

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, we will be hosting the live recording of Any Questions for BBC Radio 4. There are 200 tickets available, and these can be found at EventBrite at The tickets can be accessed here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bbc-any-questions-tickets-1984973382822?aff=oddtcreator>. Unfortunately, this is a ticket only event, and there will be no tickets available on the door.

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April. 3pm: Friends of St Cuthbert's Visit

There will be a visit to the Biba exhibition at the Dovecot Studios (10 Infirmary Street) at 3pm on 18th April. Capacity is limited to 20. Please contact Scott if you are interested [treasurer@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk](mailto:treasurer@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk)

## **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> March 10am-1pm

25<sup>th</sup> April 11am-2pm

## **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](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.

## **First Aid Volunteers**

If anyone has friends with first aid training who might be able to help us for an evening event on 10<sup>th</sup> April, please let them know, and ask that they contact the office at [office@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk](mailto:office@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk). Many thanks.