



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 24 August 2025

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is the **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**, and the liturgical colour for this period of Ordinary Time in 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 either be found in this Order of Service, or in the hymnbook at the hymn number indicated. The **Alleluia**, 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 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.

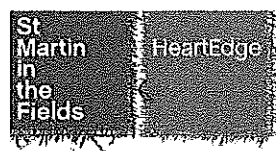
Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.

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

I love you, Lord, and I lift up my voice
to worship you; O my soul rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 770
Text and Music: Laurie Klein (b.1950)

OPENING SENTENCE

Love is patient and kind, never quick to take offence.
**Love keeps no score of wrongs,
takes no pleasure in the sins of others,
but delights in the truth.**

1 Corinthians 13: 4-6

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

553 Just as I am, without one plea

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 have taught us that without love
all our doings are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues;
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.

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58: 9b-14

EPISTLE

Hebrews 12: 18-29

PSALM 103

**1 O thou my soul, bless God the Lord;
and all that in me is
be stirrèd up his holy name
to magnify and bless.**

Hymn 68

**2 Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God,
and not forgetful be
of all his gracious benefits
he hath bestowed on thee.**

**4 Who doth redeem thy life, that thou
to death mayest not go down;
who thee with loving-kindness doth
and tender mercies crown:**

**3 All thine iniquities who doth
most graciously forgive:
who thy diseases all and pains
doth heal, and thee relieve.**

**5 Who with abundance of good things
doth satisfy thy mouth;
so that even as the eagle's age,
renewèd is thy youth.**

**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 103: 1-5

THE GOSPEL

St Luke 13: 10-17

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 751

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in His justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in Heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal He will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Text: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

Music: Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

HYMN

189 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

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 to God the Father,
the unbegotten One;
all honour be to Jesus,
his sole-begotten Son;
and to the Holy Spirit –
the perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer,
'Amen, so let it be'.**

Hymn 814

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

542 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Adagio

John Bennett (1735-1784)



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Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

'On 19 August, we marked World Humanitarian Day — a time to honour those who step into crises to help others, and to stand with the millions of people whose lives hang in the balance. This year the message is clear: the humanitarian system is stretched to its limits; underfunded, overwhelmed and under attack. Where bombs fall and disasters strike, humanitarian workers are the ones holding the line keeping people alive, often at great personal risk. But more and more those who help are becoming targets themselves.'

Sunday 31st August: Communion Sunday

Communion Sunday this month will be a shared service with our good friends at Greyfriars here at St Cuthbert's.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

Friday 10th October, 11am: Congregational Tour of St Cecilia's Hall

Calling all music lovers at St Cuthbert's and Greyfriars Churches. There will be a 90 minute walking tour of St Cecilia's Hall, 50 Niddry Street, EH1 1LG. We will meet there so please make your own transport arrangements. The tour will involve demonstrations of some of the antique instruments housed there also we will be given a guided overview of St Cecilia's Concert Hall (which is up some stairs.) The tour is free but donations would be very welcome. There are limited places available as it is a small venue. So please let Kirsten Kooy Pastoral Assistant know asap if you are interested! Contact details; 07523 949776. Or email kirstenkooy@aol.com

Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times

Saturday 30th August – 10am-1pm

Saturday 27th September – 11am-2pm

Saturday 25th October – 11am-2pm

Saturday 29th November – 11am-2pm

Bible Fellowship Group

We begin our autumn term on Thursday 4th of September, via Zoom, from 7.30pm. All are invited to participate or simply listen in. Our discussions for the new term are centre on the Psalms. Choose one and we will discuss it, and enjoy a time of fellowship.

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

Steps to Hope

Our charity partner continues to provide, on Sunday and Monday evenings, a hot home-cooked meal for people who find themselves in difficult situations. Would you be interested or do you know of anyone who would like the opportunity to support the local community and volunteer to assist with the Sunday Meals at St Cuthberts? The main duty is to open and close the building to ensure that our Charity Partners can continue to provide their meal service. Please get in touch with the church office for more details.

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.

