



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 5 July 2026

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is the **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**, and the liturgical colour for this period of Ordinary Time in the church year is **green**.

This morning, we welcome the **Revd Angus Mathieson** to lead our worship.

The choir are on holiday for the month of July. They return on **Sunday 2 August**.

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.



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APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

OPENING SENTENCES Take time to smell the flowers,
to sit on a grassy hill,
to make a dandelion necklace,
and bask in the warmth of our God.
We gather to rest in God.

Slow down the pace of your life,
take a deep breath,
share a cup of coffee with a friend,
and bask in the warmth of our God.
We gather to rest in God.

Come into this sacred space,
wait for the Spirit to stir,
feel Christ lift your burdens,
and bask in the warmth of our God.
We gather to rest in God.

CALL TO WORSHIP Let us worship God.

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

CALL TO PRAYER *please remain standing*

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION Lord, have mercy. *please be seated*
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful
that in their vocation and ministry [people,
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of 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

461 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

EPISTLE

Romans 7: 15-25a

PSALM 45

Tune at Hymn 691

**O daughter, listen and give ear to me;
forget your people and your father's house.
See how your beauty has enthralled the king;
give honour to your lord and royal spouse.
People from Tyre will come with gifts to you,
and wealthy folk your favour will pursue.**

**All glorious is the princess in the court;
her bridal gown with finest gold is wrought.
She comes before the king in brodered robes;
to you the maidens in her train are brought.
With joy and gladness they are ushered in;
they come into the palace of the king.**

**Your sons will occupy your fathers' place,
and you will make them princes in the land.
Through all the generations still to come
I will ensure your memory will stand;
and therefore all the nations of the earth
for evermore will celebrate your worth.**

**All glory be to God the Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost, as time shall ever run. Amen.**

Sing Psalms, The Free Church of Scotland, 2003, Psalm 45: 10-17

THE GOSPEL Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

ALLELUIA *the music can be found at Hymn 752*

THE SERMON The Revd Angus Mathieson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN **540 I heard the voice of Jesus say** Tune at Hymn 291

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

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

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

187 There's a wideness in God's mercy

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

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