



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3 May 2026

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**, and the liturgical colours for this ongoing celebration of our Lord's Resurrection 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 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.

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.

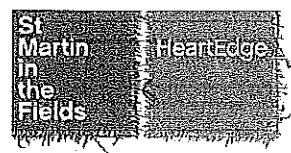


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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth that ends all strife;
such a life as conquers death.

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

adapted by E. Harold Greer (1886-1957)

OPENING SENTENCES

I shall run the course made known in your commandments,
for you set free my heart.

Psalm 119: 32

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

411 'Christ the Lord is risen today'

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
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

**Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another
and walk in the way of his commandments,
through the same Jesus Christ
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

462 The King of Love my Shepherd is

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 7: 55-60

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2: 2-10

PSALM 31

**In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
shamed let me never be;
according to thy righteousness
do thou deliver me.**

Tune at Hymn 44

**Bow down thine ear to me, with speed
send me deliverance:
to save me, my strong rock be thou,
and my house of defence.**

**Because thou art my rock, and thee
I for my fortress take;
therefore do thou me lead and guide,
ev'n for thine own name's sake.**

**And since thou art my strength, therefore
pull me out of the net,
which they in subtlety for me
so privily have set.**

**Into thine hands I do commit
my sp'rit: for thou art he,
O thou, Jehovah, God of truth,
that hast redeemed me.**

**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 31: 1-5

THE GOSPEL St John 14: 1-14

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

THE SERMON The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.

Text: St John 13: 34-35

Music: Peter Aston (1938-2013)

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

HYMN **509 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult**

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 Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whole we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore.** Hymn 806

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

519 Love divine, all loves excelling

Tune at Hymn 468

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Eastertide Alleluia Amen

Music: Graham MacLagan

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Postlude

Hugh Blair (1862-1932)



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3rd May 2026

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

On this World Press Freedom Day, we pray for all who work in journalism and the media. We remember especially those reporting in places where freedom of speech is fragile or denied, and all who labour to speak truth in situations of darkness, danger, or distortion. May their work serve the cause of justice, dignity, and the common good.

Tonight, 7.30pm: Scottish Sinfonia Concert

With Music by Berlioz, Debussy, Faure and Saint-Saëns, Scottish Sinfonia invite you to their Spring Concert. The crowning glory concluding this performance, and bringing the season to a roof-raising conclusion, is Saint-Saëns' thrilling Organ Symphony, on our very own magnificent four-manual JW Walker organ.

Tuesday 5th May, 7pm: Kirk Session Meeting

As we journey towards the proposed union with Greyfriars Kirk, all elders are asked to attend the above Kirk Session Meeting if possible.

Wednesday 6th May, 12.30pm-4.30pm: soul space

Our next soul space session of contemplative worship will be on the 6th of May. In this season, we are looking at the psalms, and in our May reflection, we will be looking at Ascent.

Sunday 10th May, 11.30am: Holy Communion in Anam Chara

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

Tuesday 12th May – Thursday 21st May, 10am-4pm: Art Exhibition

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

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

Saturday Coffee Mornings

30 th May	10am-1pm
27 th June	11am-2pm
25 th 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

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

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 7th May, 7pm: Chris Brookmyre, *Quite Ugly One Evening*

Thursday 14th May, 7pm: Sara Sheridan, *The Jewel Keepers*

Friday 15th May, 7pm: Sable Sorensen, *Fury Bound*

