



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 21 June 2026

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is the **Fourth 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 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.

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.

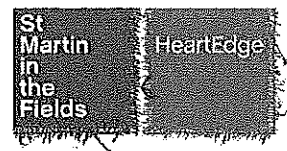
Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.

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

Humbly in your sight we come together, Lord.
Grant us now the blessing of your presence here.

Our whole selves are yours, we give them to you, Lord;
take us now and keep us yours for evermore.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 496

Text: Tumbuka (Malawian) hymn, J.P. Chirwa (d.1940)
translated and adapted by Tom Colvin (1925-2000), altered

Music: Traditional North Malawian melody,
adapted by Tom Colvin, arranged by John L. Bell (b.1949)

OPENING SENTENCE

Take heart, all you who seek after God.
**For the Lord listens to the poor
and does not despise his captive people.**

Psalm 69: 32-33

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

124 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

**O God our defender,
when storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid,
rescue your people from despair,
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us from unbelief;
through your Son, 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

556 I need thee every hour

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 21: 8-21

EPISTLE

Romans 6: 1b-11

PSALM 69

**For your sake, Lord, I must endure derision;
my face is covered with contempt and shame. Even my brothers do not recognise me;
to mother's sons a stranger I became.** Tune at
Hymn 246

**Because devotion to your house consumes me,
those who insult you turn their taunts on me;
and when I mourn with tears of grief and fasting,
I must endure their scorn continually.**

**But, Lord, I pray in this your time of favour:
in your great love deliver me, O God.
Respond to me, Lord, for your love is gracious;
in your abundant mercy turn to me.**

**Do not conceal your face from me your servant;
answer me quickly, for I am distressed.
Come near and rescue me from my opponents;
save me from those by whom I am oppressed.**

**All glory to the Father and the Son,
and to the Spirit, ever three in one:
as was and is, and ever more shall be
world without end for all eternity. Amen.**

'Sing Psalms', The Free Church of Scotland, 2003
Psalm 69: 7-10, 13, 16-18

THE GOSPEL

St Matthew 10: 24-39

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 751

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

'Litany to the Holy Spirit'

In the hour of my distress
when temptations me oppress,
and when I my sins confess,
sweet Spirit comfort me!

When I lie within my bed,
sick in heart and sick in head,
and with doubts discomforted,
sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep,
and the world is drowned with sleep,
yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
sweet Spirit, comfort me!

Text: Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

Music: Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

HYMN

502 Take my life, Lord, let it be

Tune at Hymn 51

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,
and God the Spirit, praise be done;
may Christ the Lord upon us pour
the Spirit's gift for evermore. Amen.**

Hymn 811

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

529 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

Tune at Hymn 470

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

White Note Paraphrase

James MacMillan (b.1959)



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh
21st June 2026

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

As we come to the end of Refugee Week, we pray for all those displaced by war or disaster. We particularly hold the Edinburgh Spiders and the Ukrainian St Margaret's Saturday School in our prayers.

Tuesday 23rd June, 7pm: Session Meeting

The Kirk Session are reminded that we meet in the Lindisfarne Room on Tuesday 23rd of June at 7pm.

Sunday 28th June, 10.30am: Communion Sunday

Rev Suzie Stark completes her time with us as Locum Minister on Sunday 28th June. Please join us following the 10.30 Service to give thanks to Suzie for her contribution to the life of our church. There is a card for Suzie – Please speak to the Duty Officer to sign this. We also welcome our friends from Greyfriars Kirk next Sunday to celebrate Holy Communion with us.

Refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us after today's service for a chat over tea or coffee and biscuits, served in the Lammermuir Hall at the rear of the Church.

Safeguarding:

The Kirk Session are reminded of the requirement to have Trustee Training for Safeguarding. There is an in person course at Greyfriars Kirk this Saturday 20th of June from 10am to 1pm. Please speak to Christine for further details.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

Saturday Coffee Mornings

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.

Scottish Sinfonia: Request for Volunteer Stewards

Scottish Sinfonia concerts have stewards on duty who are familiar with the church building, can help in ensuring the audience are safely seated, can direct people and know the procedure for emergency evacuation of the building if necessary! They have struggled recently to have sufficient stewards on duty and so this is an appeal to anyone who might be able to help. The commitment would be for about 4 hours on 4 Sunday evenings in the year. These Sundays are known well in advance.

If you feel you could help, please contact the office at office@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk

