



# The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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## The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after the Ascension of our Lord

Sunday 1 June 2025

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**A warm welcome to worship.**

Today is the **Seventh Sunday of Easter**, the Sunday after the triumphant **Ascension of our Lord** to sit on God's right hand. Ascension Day occurred on Thursday past. The liturgical colours for this this ongoing celebration of our Lord's Resurrection and Ascension 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.**

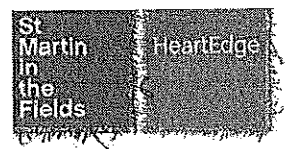


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## APPROACH TO GOD

### INTROIT

Golden harps are sounding, angel voices ring,  
pearly gates are opened, opened for the King:  
Christ, the King of Glory, Jesus, King of Love,  
is gone up in triumph to His throne above.

*All his work is ended, joyfully we sing:*

*Jesus hath ascended: Glory to our King!*

He who came to save us, he who bled and died,  
now is crowned with glory at his Father's side.  
Nevermore to suffer, never more to die,  
Jesus, King of Glory, is gone up on high.

Church Hymnary, Revised Edition, Hymn 133

Text and Music: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

### OPENING SENTENCES

Christ has entered heaven itself,  
**to appear now before God on our behalf.**

Hebrews 9: 24

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**173 Sing to God new songs of worship**

### 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

**Holy be your name, Father in Heaven!**

**We come to worship you today**

**longing for your Kingdom come.**

**In this time of worship, enlighten us with your Word**

**inspire us with stirring songs.**

**Enfold us with your community,**

**Embrace us with a vision so strong**

**that we will go from here**

**with good news for all people. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you  
and also with you.

HYMN

595 O Breath of life, come sweeping though us

## THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43: 14-21

EPISTLE

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

PSALM 2

**Why do the heathen nations rage?  
Why do the peoples plot in vain?  
Earth's kings combine in enmity;  
her rulers join against God's reign.**

Tune at Hymn 402  
first tune

**The One enthroned in heaven laughs;  
the Lord on high derides them all.  
Then he rebukes them in his wrath;  
his rage and terror on them fall.**

**The Lord has made it known to them:  
"My chosen king I have installed  
on Zion, my own holy hill.  
he is the one whom I have called."**

**Now therefore, kings, true wisdom find;  
you judges of the earth, give ear.  
With rev'rence come and serve the Lord;  
bow down with joy and trembling fear.**

**Pay homage to the royal son  
lest you in wrath aside are thrust,  
for swiftly can his anger blaze.  
Blessèd are all who in him trust.**

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom earth and heav'n adore,  
be glory as it was of old, is now,  
and so shall be for evermore. Amen.**

'Sing Psalms', The Free Church of Scotland, 2003,  
Psalm 2: 1-2a, 4-5, 10-12

THE GOSPEL

St Luke 17: 20-26

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

'A New Thing'  
Dr Hazel Hastie

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

The Lord ascendeth up on high,  
the Lord hath triumphed gloriously,  
in power and might excelling;  
the grave and hell are captive led.  
Lo! he returns, our glorious Head,  
to his eternal dwelling.

The heavens with joy receive their Lord,  
by saints, by angel hosts adored;  
O day of exultation!  
Come earth, adore thy glorious King!  
His rising, his ascension sing  
with grateful adoration!

Our great High Priest hath gone before,  
now on his Church his grace to pour;  
and still his love he giveth.  
O may our hearts to him ascend;  
may all within us upward tend  
to him who ever liveth!

Text: Arthur T. Russell (1806-1874)  
Music: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621),  
arranged by Alan Bullard (b.1947)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*the text can be found at* **Hymn 628**

HYMN

**646 Forth in the peace of Christ we go**

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

**Now to him who loved us, gave us  
every pledge that love could give,  
freely shed his blood to save us,  
gave his life that we might live,  
be the kingdom,  
power and glory  
and thanksgiving evermore.**

Hymn 816

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

**644 O Jesus, I have promised**

First Tune

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Eastertide Alleluia Amen

Music: Graham MacLagan

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Dialogue sur les grands jeux  
*from Suite du Premier Ton*

L.-N. Clérambault (1676-1749)



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh

1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

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### Weekly Intimations

#### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 12noon**

After the Congregational Coffee Morning this Tuesday, there will be a short service of Holy Communion in the War Memorial Chapel.

#### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 12noon**

Next week, there will be a short service of Holy Communion in the Anam Chara Chapel after the Sunday Service. All are welcome to join.

#### **Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 11am-2pm

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July – 11am-2pm

#### **Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon**

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

#### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm: Edinburgh Bach Choir Summer Concert**

This coming Saturday, the Edinburgh Bach Choir will sing Handel's dramatic Belshazzar, complete with feasting, siege warfare, and the writing on the wall! With professional soloists and orchestra. Tickets will be available on the door, and are £18 (£5 Concessions).

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1pm: Coffee Concert**

After the service on 15<sup>th</sup> June, we will have the Robert Sharon Chorale performing a concert in the Sanctuary with a retiring collection in aid of St Cuthbert's ongoing mission. The Robert Sharon Chorale is a community organization that strives to present the best of all types of chorale music - Sacred and Secular - in a concert setting.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Bible Fellowship group**

Bible Fellowship Group meet on Thursday nights during May and June via Zoom from 7.30pm. All are invited to participate or simply listen in. Our current discussions are the prophecies that were fulfilled by Jesus on the Cross and through the Empty tomb. Zoom details 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)

### **Life and Work – June Edition**

The June edition of Life and Work is now available from the magazine table in the corner of the Lammermuir Hall.

