



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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Trinity Sunday

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 31 May 2026

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is **Trinity Sunday**, the day on which we celebrate the Christian doctrine of the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The liturgical colours for this day of celebration are **white** and **gold**.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated this morning, and all are welcome to respond to Jesus' gracious invitation to 'Take, eat' at His Table.

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.

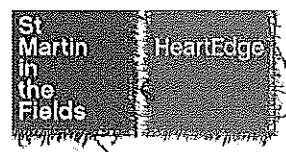


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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

O threefold God of tender unity,
life's great unknown that binds and sets us free:
felt in our loving, greater than our thought,
you are the mystery found, the mystery sought.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 114

William L. (Bill) Wallace (1933-2024)

Music: 'Azair', Gaelic melody transcribed by Alasdair Codona,
harmonised by the compilers of Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition

OPENING SENTENCE

Christ came and proclaimed peace,
**and through him we have access to the Father
in the one Spirit.**

Ephesians 2: 17-18

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

111 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

during which the KYRIE ELEISON is sung by all:
This can be found at Hymn 648.

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

**Almighty and eternal God,
through your Word and Spirit you created all things.
In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
you reveal your salvation in all the world.
Through your Holy Spirit,
you give us a share in your life and love.
Keep us firm in this faith,
and fill us with the vision of your glory,
that we may serve and praise you all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

HYMN

**1 Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.**

Tune at Hymn 139

**2 Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:**

**4 Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'**

**3 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.'**

**5 With his seraph train before him,
with his holy Church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:**

**6 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'**

The New English Hymnal, Hymn 343

Text: Richard Mant (1776-1848)

Music: 'Redhead No.46', Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 4a

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

PSALM 8

**How excellent in all the earth,
Lord, our Lord, is thy name!
who hast thy glory far advanced
above the starry frame.**

Hymn 4

**When I look up unto the heavens,
which thine own fingers framed,
unto the moon, and to the stars,
which were by thee ordained;**

**Then say I, What is man, that he
remembered is by thee?**

**Or what the son of man, that thou
so kind to him should'st be?**

For thou a little lower hast
him than the angels made;
With glory and with dignity
thou crownèd hast his head.

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 8: 1, 3-5
Music: 'Winchester Old', melody from Este's *Psalter*, 1592

THE GOSPEL St Matthew 28: 16-20

ALLELUIA *the music can be found at Hymn 751*

THE SERMON The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord!

Father, Son and Spirit, evermore shall be,
Holy, holy, holy, blessed Trinity.

Praise to you, O Lord, Hosannah in the height,
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.

from the Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
accompaniment by Alan Bullard

THE NICENE CREED *the text can be found at Hymn 649*

THE OFFERING *Our offerings are collected. We stand as our offerings
are processed to, and presented at, the Holy Table.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN **666** Let all mortal flesh keep silence

THE GRACE

NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

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.

PRAYER OF
THANKSGIVING

*during which the SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS
are sung by all. These can be found at **Hymn 651.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*the text can be found at **Hymn 652, second form (b)***

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI

*sung by all. This can be found at **Hymn 653.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to respond to Jesus' gracious
invitation to 'Take, eat' at His Table. Please follow the
directions of the Minister and the elders.*

THE PEACE

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

DISMISSAL HYMN

511 Your hand, O God, has guided

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist BWV 674

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Holy Lord, God the Holy Ghost



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh
31st May 2026

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

This Trinity, as we prepare ourselves to participate in the union voting, let us pray for love, grace and fellowship. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us today and always.

Congregational Meeting and Vote

This morning you are asked to vote for or against the proposed Union with Greyfriars Kirk as expressed in the draft Basis of Union and draft Basis of Reviewable Charge. Both documents are on our website under 'News/Greyfriars St Cuthbert's Union Update, copies are included in the recent magazine and copies are available today. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion, followed by a vote by secret ballot. This is a critical milestone in our congregational life and we appreciate your presence with us today. On arrival for the 10:30am service this morning, a ballot paper will be issued to everyone attending who is on the list of Members and Regular Attenders ("Adherents").

Under Church law, voting by proxy or by post is not allowed.

Saturday 6th June, 7.30pm: Edinburgh Bach Choir Summer Concert

This coming Saturday, please join us for an evening of music by Johann Sebastian Bach. Tickets are available on the door or online at <https://www.edinburghbachchoir.org.uk/> for £20 (£6 concessions)

Sunday 7th June, 11.30am: Stated Annual Meeting

Copies of the annual accounts for 2025 are available to view in the Lammermuir Hall, in advance of the Stated Annual Meeting, which will take place after the 1030am service on 7th June.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

Saturday Coffee Mornings

27th June 11am-2pm

25th 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