



# The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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## Easter Day

### The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism

Sunday 5 April 2026

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**A warm welcome to worship.**

Today is **Easter Day**, and the liturgical colours for this most holy day of highest celebration of our Lord's Resurrection are **white** and **gold**.

This morning, we are delighted to welcome the **Revd Dr Christine Clark** to St Cuthbert's, who will assist in leading worship as well as baptising her grandson **Alexander (Sandy) Rafferty**. We also extend our welcome to him and his parents, family and friends.

This morning we also welcome **Mr Graeme Brownlee** back to St Cuthbert's, as Organist.

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.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

**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.**

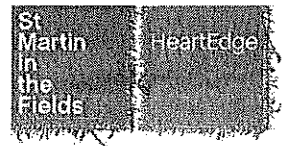


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There are no organ voluntaries before the service. The silence of Holy Week will be broken by the Easter Acclamations, the Alleluias and the Organ Fanfare.

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## THE LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

*The congregation stands.*

THE EASTER LITURGY      Eternal God,  
who made this most holy day  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
set us aflame with the fire of your love,  
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
to him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Easter Candle is lit.*

ACCLAMATION      The Light of Christ  
**Thanks be to God!**

Heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy  
accept our sacrifice of praise,  
your Church's solemn offering.  
Grant that this Easter Candle  
may make our darkness light.  
For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;  
Christ is risen from the dead  
and his flame of love still burns within us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever! **Amen.**

ALLELUIA

*following the Lenten silence, the choir intones the Alleluia*

Music: plainsong

## APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**therefore let us celebrate the feast! Alleluia!**

*The Processional Hymn is introduced by an ORGAN FANFARE*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**410 Jesus Christ is risen today**

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF APPROACH  
AND CONFESSION

*during which, the KYRIE ELEISON is sung by the choir:*

Kyrie eleison.      *Lord, have mercy.*

Christe eleison.    *Christ, have mercy.*

Kyrie eleison.      *Lord, have mercy.*

Music: Missa Brevis in C major "Spatzenmesse",  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

ABSOLUTION

*the service continues overleaf*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. [nostram.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us:  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Translation: English Language Liturgical Consultation, 1998  
Music: Missa Brevis in C major "Spatzenmesse",  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

COLLECT FOR THE  
RESURRECTION OF OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST

**Lord of life and power,  
through the mighty resurrection of your Son,  
you have overcome death  
and opened the gate of everlasting life.  
Grant that we, being dead to sin,  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10: 34-43

EPISTLE

Colossians 3: 1-4

PSALM 118

**1 O praise the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy lasteth e'er.  
Let those of Israel now say,  
his mercy faileth ne'er.**

Tune at Hymn 715

**2 I in distress call'd on the Lord;  
the Lord did answer me:  
God my salvation is become,  
my strength and song is he.**

**4 This is the day God made, in it  
we'll joy triumphantly.  
Save now, I pray thee, Lord; I pray,  
send now prosperity.**

**3 In dwellings of the righteous  
is heard the melody  
of joy and health: the Lord's right hand  
doth ever valiantly.**

**5 Thou art my God, I'll thee exalt;  
my God, I will thee praise.  
Give thanks to God, for he is good:  
his mercy lasts always.**

**6 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 118: 1-2, 5a, 14-15, 24-25, 28-29

THE GOSPEL

St John 20: 1-18

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

HYMN                                   **413 The day of resurrection!**

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

THE OFFERING *is collected.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT                           **18 The earth belongs to God alone**                           Psalm 24  
ENTRANCE PSALM               **19 Ye gates, lift up your heads on high**

THE GRACE

THE NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION

THE 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.**

THE GREAT PRAYER  
OF THANKSGIVING               *during which, the SANCTUS is sung by the choir:*  
  Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
  Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.  
  Hosanna in excelsis.  
  *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,*  
  *heaven and earth are full of your glory.*  
  *Hosanna in the highest.*

Translation: English Language Liturgical Consultation, 1998  
Music: Missa Brevis in C major "Spatzenmesse",  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

THE LORD'S PRAYER      *the text can be found at Hymn 652, second form (b)*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI  
*sung by the choir*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.*

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Music: Missa Brevis in C major "Spatzenmesse",  
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THE HOLY COMMUNION      *All are welcome to respond to Jesus' gracious  
invitation to 'Take, eat' at His Table. Please remain  
seated; the elders will bring the elements to you.*

*We stand as the elements are returned, in procession,  
to the Holy Table.*

THE PEACE      The peace of the Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*the service continues with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism overleaf*

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## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL HYMN            **336 Christ is our light! the bright and morning star**

HOLY BAPTISM            Alexander (Sandy) Rafferty

THE AARONIC BLESSING    **The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you:  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.**

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 796

Text: Numbers 6: 24

Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE CONGREGATIONAL    **We will nurture one another in faith,  
PROMISE                    uphold one another in prayer,  
encourage one another in service.**

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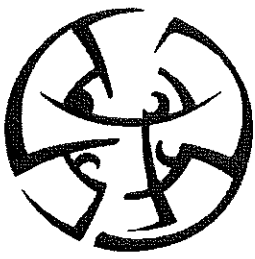
DISMISSAL HYMN            **419 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son**

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Eastertide Alleluia Amen

Music: Graham Maclagan

ORGAN RECESSIONAL      *Toccata from Symphony No.5*            C.-M. Widor (1844-1937)



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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## Weekly Intimations

### Prayerful Practice

As we give thanks for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, let us pray for all who have not heard the Good News.

### Union Update: Congregational Survey

Many thanks to everyone who completed the recent survey from the Working Group, as we work towards Union with Greyfriars Kirk. There is a new Newsletter available which answers many of the points that were brought up within the responses received. Please collect a copy. For more details contact [sessionclerk@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk](mailto:sessionclerk@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk)

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm: "Homin" Ukrainian Choral Concert

Intertwined, together with UBWIS CLUB, is bringing the remarkable Ukrainian Choir "Homin" to Scotland — giving both the Ukrainian and Scottish communities a rare opportunity to experience the beauty and power of Ukrainian choral music live in the heart of Edinburgh. Seats are limited, so please make sure to reserve your tickets in advance. <https://mticket.uk/en/edinburgh/homin-choir-3810.html>

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30pm: Any Questions Recording

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, we will be hosting the live recording of Any Questions for BBC Radio 4. There are 200 tickets available, and these can be found at EventBrite at The tickets can be accessed here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bbc-any-questions-tickets-1984973382822?aff=oddtcreator>. Unfortunately, this is a ticket only event, and there will be no tickets available on the door.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 11.30am: Holy Communion in the Anam Chara

Next week, there will be a short service of Holy Communion after the 10.30am service. All are welcome.

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm: Quiz Night Social at Greyfriars Kirk**

All are invited to a Quiz night Social at Greyfriars Kirk at the end of April. There will be soft drinks available and snacks, and you are welcome to BYOB. Feel free to bring a team, or to come on your own and join a team on the night. There will be a raffle on the night.

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

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

### **Saturday Coffee Mornings**

25<sup>th</sup> April                      11am-2pm

### **St Cuthbert's Bible Fellowship Group**

All are welcome to participate in this group every Thursday during term time. We resume on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April at 7.30pm. The focus of the group is on fellowship. Meetings are on Zoom and details are 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)

### **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 Through April**

Please note that the previously planned Evening with... Mark Steele on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April has been cancelled.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm: Liz Earle, *How to Age*