



GREYFRIARS ST CUTHBERT'S

Sunday Service at St Cuthbert's

The Revd Dr George Whyte

Interim Moderator

Mr Graham MacLagan

Director of Music

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 23 August 2026

A warm welcome to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's.

Today is the **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, and the liturgical colour for this period of Ordinary Time in the church year is **green**.

This morning, we welcome back the **Revd Suzie Stark** to lead our worship.

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 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.

All our services are available for viewing at any time on our YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be seen on the broadcast, please make your wishes known.



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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

When all thy mercies, O my God,
my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love, and praise.

Through all eternity to thee
a joyful song I'll raise;
for O, eternity's too short
to utter all thy praise.

The New English Hymnal, Hymn 472: 1, 6

Text: Joseph Addison (1672-1719)

Music: 'Contemplation', Frederick Gore Ouseley (1825-1889)

OPENING SENTENCE

We know that the Son of God has come
and given us an understanding,
an understanding to know the true God.

1 John 5: 20

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

739 The Church's one foundation

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

**Almighty God,
you have taught us that without love
all our doings are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**



HYMN

1 Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

2 And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.

3 Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

4 And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
Holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.

5 Adoration aye be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Church Hymnary, Third Edition, Hymn 400

Text: St John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Music: 'Halton Holgate',

version of a melody by William Boyce (1711-1779)

in S.S. Wesley's *European Psalmist*, 1872

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 51: 1-6

EPISTLE

Romans 12: 1-8

PSALM 138

**I'll praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
before the gods I'll sing your praise.
I'll bow towards your holy place
and bless your holy name always.**

Tune at Hymn 748

**I'll praise you for your faithfulness
and for your cov'nant love, O Lord,
for over all things you have raised
your holy name and faithful word.**

The very day I called to you,
you gave an answer to my plea.
You made me bold within myself;
with new resolve you strengthened me.

Although I walk a troubled path,
your tender care preserves my life.
You raise your hand against my foes;
your right hand saves me from their strife.

The Lord will certainly fulfil
for me the purpose he commands.
Your love endures for ever, Lord;
preserve the works of your own hands.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom earth and heaven adore,
be glory, as it was of old,
is now, and shall be evermore.

'Sing Psalms', The Free Church of Scotland, 2003
Psalm 138: 1-3, 7-8

THE GOSPEL

St Matthew 16: 13-20

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 752

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

O Lord, increase our faith,
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience,
in all our adversity.
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

Text: source unknown
Music: Henry Loosemore (1607-1670),
historically and erroneously attributed to Orlando Gibbons

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

HYMN

542 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak

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

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Hymn 807

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

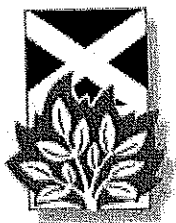
465 Be thou my Vision

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Dresden Amen

Music: Johann Naumann (1741-1801)

ORGAN RECESSIONAL



Greyfriars St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh
Notices for St Cuthbert's Church
23rd August 2026

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

We pray for all young people now that schools are back; for those settling into P1 and for those who have made the move to Senior One. We pray for teachers and classroom assistants as they guide and inspire the young people in their care.

Today

We welcome back Revd Suzie Stark to lead our worship today.

Sunday 30th August: Monthly Communion with Greyfriars Kirk

Please join us for our Monthly Service of Holy Communion at the end of the month. This is a Joint Service with Greyfriars, held here at St Cuthbert's. All are welcome to join with us for this service.

Sunday 30th August, following the service: St Cuthbert's Belfry Visit

The award winning St Cuthbert's Bell Ringers invite anyone who is interested to visit the Belfry after our Joint Service on 30th August. Please gather outside the Church Office on the first floor as soon as possible after the Service and one of the Bell Ringers will guide you up to the Belfry. Please note: this entails climbing a staircase and a narrow and steep spiral staircase.

Sunday 30th August, 7.30pm: Scottish Sinfonia Summer Concert – Swan Lake

We open our 56th season with an exciting all Russian programme, highlighting Rachmaninoff's ever popular "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini". The music of Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake is, of course, known and loved the world over; and to complete our programme, we offer a rare opportunity to experience the excitement of Prokofiev's 4th symphony live! Tickets are available online or on the door for £17 (£8 Student tickets).

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

Pop along for a coffee and a chat. Throughout the Festival, these will be held in the Melrose Room.

Saturday Coffee Mornings

29 th August	11am-2pm (In Lindisfarne Room)
26 th September	10am-1pm (In Lindisfarne Room)
31 st October	11am-2pm
28 th November	11am-2pm

Greyfriars Kirkyard Exhibition

You are welcome to pop along to Greyfriars Kirk to view the new exhibition about the kirkyard, at the back of the church. The kirkyard attracts huge numbers of visitors and the aim is to draw more of them into the kirk to learn more about that historic space. The panels are movable and will usually be stacked away for services and concerts. This project has been possible thanks to generous donations from The Binks Trust, Greyfriars Foundation and congregational member, Heather Jack who kindly contributed a donation in memory of her late friend.

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 **0131 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.

