

**ST CUTHBERT'S  
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
COLINTON**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Passion Sunday**

**29 March 2020**



**COVID-19  
No Services in Church**

*Please stand as the choir and clergy enter*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**HYMN 437 – Lift high the cross (verses 1-6)**

*Please stand*

***Lift high the Cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name!***

**Come, Christians,  
follow where our Saviour trod,  
o'er death victorious,  
Christ the Son of God.**

**Led on their way by this  
triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in joyful  
praise combine:**

**Each new disciple  
of the Crucified  
is called to bear the seal  
of him who died:**

**Saved by the Cross  
whereon their Lord was slain,  
now Adam's children  
their lost home regain:**

**From north and south,  
from east and west they raise  
in growing harmony  
their song of praise:**

**O Lord, once lifted  
on the glorious tree,  
as thou has promised,  
draw us unto thee:**

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### **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.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

God is love and we are God's children.  
There is no room for fear in love.

We love because God loved us first.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Please sit or kneel*

**God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.  
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from  
our sins, heal and strengthen us by the Spirit, and raise us to  
new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Kyrie**

*Choir: Lord, have mercy.*

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

*Choir: Christ, have mercy.*

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

*Choir: Lord, have mercy.*

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

### **Collect of the Day** (Said by the Priest)

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all  
from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your  
Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve  
you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the  
same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit*

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 37.1-14**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open

your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 130**

*Please stand*

**Out of the deep have I called unto / thee O / Lord:**

**Lord / hear / my / voice.**

**O let thine ears con- / sider / well:**

**The / voice of / my com- / plaint.**

**If thou Lord wilt be extreme to mark what is / done a- / miss:**

**O / Lord / who may a- / bide it?**

**For there is / mercy with / thee:**

**Therefore / shalt / thou be / feared.**

**I look for the Lord my soul doth / wait for / him:**

**In his / word / is my / trust.**

**My soul fleeth / unto the / lord:**

**Before the morning watch I say be- / fore the / morning / watch.**

**O Isra-el / trust in the / Lord:**

**For with the Lord there is mercy**

**and with / him is / plenteous re- / demption.**

**And he shall re- / deem / Isra-el:**

**From / all / his / sins.**

**Glory / be to the / Father:**

**And to the Son / and to the / Holy / Ghost:**

**As it was in the beginning is now and / ever / shall be:**

**World without / end.**

**A- / -- / men.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8.6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn 337 – I, the Lord of sea and sky**

*Please stand*

**I, The Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them  
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?...*

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

***Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?...***

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### **Gospel: John 11.17-45**

Hear the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***(Said)* Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and

the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the

crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

*(Said)* **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

*Please sit*

## **Reflection**

At a time of adjusting to a new way of living due to the coronavirus pandemic, what message can our readings help us to discover on this Passion Sunday?

Firstly we've heard from Ezekiel of the spirit of the Lord breathing new life into the dry bones, then Paul has encouraged us to turn our minds from earthly ways of thinking into dwelling on the way of the Spirit. As he says, 'If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.' Then, in our Gospel we witness Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. One of many messages which can be taken from this miracle is that Lazarus is being given a second chance, a chance to live his life a new way, touched by true belief in Jesus as the Son of God.

So, you may say, what am I leading to in these messages I'm taking from our scriptures today? I'm leading to the thought that this pandemic and the necessary responses to it could well provide an opportunity for society, at least in Britain, if not globally, to undertake a rebirth of its former way of living, just as we Christians recognise at Easter, with the resurrection, that we're given a new way of being, through the Spirit of God. I'm beginning to see signs of the old sense of community, which had been dying in our materially driven society, emerging again, as neighbours, colleagues, strangers, as well as family and friends, reach out to help each other in any way they can. I'm not saying that fears, anxieties, loneliness, frustration and suffering won't happen. Many of us will experience such feelings just now, but I believe that mutual comfort and support from an increasing and often surprising number of sources will become the new norm. I feel considerable hope that society in general will learn to walk together, now and in the future, just as Christians walk together with Jesus through the pain of Holy Week and the cross, knowing that there is a light at the end of the tunnel on Easter Day.

We at St. Cuthbert's owe immense gratitude to Nicki, who's done a brilliant job of keeping in touch, organising telephone pastoral care, assembling service sheets so we can share Sunday worship from our own homes, and letting us know about shared services available online from the Primus. I joined in yesterday's service from his home in Arperfelie, near Inverness. It felt very special to me, as I'd spent a residential weekend there with him and his family during my

training, had visited the chapel, and the warmth and simplicity of that service brought back such happy memories. And, of course, it was wonderful to know that I was sharing this service with many others across the Province.

Our thanks also go to Marie for typing and printing the sheets, to Philip, planning to record hymns and anthems for us to listen to, and to all offering support in any way they can. God's call is to each one of us, to be an example in spearheading the sense of community, which I see as rebirth, a return to the sense of community, of caring for our neighbour, whoever they are, that used to prevail in our society. It's a message of hope which I'm taking not just from today's readings, but from all that I'm starting to witness or hear about from others. So, may we continue as a church family to answer God's call on us, remembering that even if all we're able to do is make a wee phone call to a lonely person, or smile and wave to a neighbour, this too is answering God's call, sharing God's love with others. To quote the chorus from our gradual hymn, responding to this call: 'Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.'

May God's blessing be with you all, Margaret.

*We pause for a short time of personal reflection*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and Son, he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel*

## Intercessions

As we move into a new way, temporarily, of staying at home, we will use psalm 130 to aid our intercessions.

The response to 'I wait for the Lord, my souls waits; is, '**in his word I put my trust**'.

Ever present God, we pray that your church becomes a calming presence and radiant light in the face of so much confusion and darkness. We pray for church leaders everywhere that they offer insight and wisdom to their congregations and that they find innovative ways to communicate your message of hope and love to all people. We pray especially for Bishop John, Nicki and Margaret. Give them courage, strength and protect them as they strive to continue guiding, caring and leading your people in such difficult circumstances. May we become a church that prays constantly.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits. **In His word I put my trust.**

Compassionate Father, may we be your people of love, who, despite our own fears and concerns, continue to reach out to others in our neighbourhoods and wider afield. Help us to trust in you and experience church in a new and transformative way - despite not worshipping at St Cuthbert's together, may we be sustained through daily prayer, through weekly service sheets, phone calls, emails, letters and social

media. May we never feel alone and isolated despite staying at home.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits. **In His word I put my trust.**

God of power and might, We pray for world leaders everywhere that they use integrity and wisdom to make the best decisions to keep us safe in this time of pandemic. We pray that borders and barriers are broken down so that all nations can work together to overcome this virus. Through this fearful time, may we all glimpse a possible future where our world order is more like your kingdom, of compassion, justice, and peace.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits. **In His word I put my trust.**

Healing Lord Jesus, We pray for all those working tirelessly worldwide, to keep us safe. We remember especially all those in our NHS and emergency services. Give them encouragement and strength to keep going. We pray for researchers and medical experts as they work to develop a coronavirus vaccine. We pray for those in poorer countries, in refugee camps and slums who have no access to even the most basic health care. Give them courage, protection and peace.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits. **In His word I put my trust.**

Holy Spirit, We pray for ourselves as we adjust to staying at home and creating new routines. Help us to find your inner

peace through times of quiet and reflection. We pray for ourselves, our families and friends. We pray especially for families who are already struggling to keep things together as schools close, jobs go and tensions in the home are frayed. May your peace flow abundantly and may we play a part in that calming presence. We also pray for those most vulnerable in our community. Keep them safe and surrounded by those who show practical care and support.

In a few moments quiet we bring our own concerns to the God of boundless love.

Heavenly Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Wendy Pearson*

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Offertory Hymn 205 – From heaven you came**

*Please stand*

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
And give your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.***

**There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn.  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.**

***This is our God...***

**Come, see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.**

***This is our God...***

**So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.**

***This is our God...***

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Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made;  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands;  
it will become the cup of our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

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 God thanks and praise.**

*OPENING PRAYER: celebrating the work of God, Father, Son and Spirit, in creating, restoring and bringing to completion, all that is His.*

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

*SANCTUS: an anthem to God's glory.*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*BENEDICTUS: The greeting to him who came in the flesh, comes in the sacrament and is still to come.*

**Blessed is he,  
*O blessed is he* who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, in the highest.**

*Please sit or kneel*

*CHRISTOLOGICAL PRAYER: Thanksgiving to God for all that was accomplished in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

*NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION: an account of the Last Supper.*

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

*ANAMNESIS AND OBLATION: The work of Christ is recalled and linked with our offering.*

**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

*EPICLESIS: We ask for the descent of the Holy Spirit as the divine response to our obedience.*

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

*PRAYER OF PETITION: As members of the Church we pray for her whole life and mission.*

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, St Cuthbert, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

*DOXOLOGY: A concluding act of praise.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,  
we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **Communion**

**Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## **Communion Hymn 743 – There is a Redeemer**

*Please stand*

**There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.**

***Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving us your Spirit  
til the work on earth is done.***

**Jesus, my Redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.**

**When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face,  
and there I'll serve my King for ever,  
in that holy place.**

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## **THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT**

**Give thanks to our gracious God  
Whose mercy endures for ever.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is the Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **HYMN 627 – Praise to the holiest**

*Please stand*

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!  
when all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive, and should prevail;**

**And that the highest gift of grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.**

**And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!**

*John Henry Newman (1801-1890)*

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### **Blessing**

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

# St Cuthbert's Notes

29 March 2020

Until further notice, we will be sending out the weekly Sunday service sheet, prepared in the usual way, by email, or post.

## COVID 19:

Sadly, we have been informed by the College of Bishops that we can no longer have churches open. You can find their full letter on the SEC website. They end their letter by saying: "The College of Bishops continues to hold the Province in prayer, and we ask you to keep us in yours. We also ask that the practice of lighting candles at 7pm on Sunday evening be continued throughout the current pandemic." Please join us in this act of unity and prayer.

Philip had kindly offered to record music for our website and Facebook page for you to sing along to the hymns. With the latest instructions about not leaving the home, I feel this isn't sensible. You can find the music for most hymns on YouTube by just searching for the hymn name.

If you want to follow a live service online, the SEC broadcasts each Sunday at 11am. The liturgy is slightly different to ours but you can download it from the website if you would like to.

If you would like to join me for Morning Prayer at 9am each day, I will endeavour to set up a 'Zoom' call. So if could you drop me an email, I will make sure you receive an invite and a copy of the liturgy we will use. You can find the liturgy on [www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/) if you cannot join me but would like to pray yourself.

I hope you are all safe and well.

Every blessing, Nicki.

## **Ecclesiastical – Parish Pixels**

### **Competition:**

VOTING IS STILL OPEN for the UK Final! Please support our entry if you can – [www.ecclesiastical.com/latest-news/parish-pixels/](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/latest-news/parish-pixels/) and click on our photograph - Thank you!



### **Support:**

In this time of uncertainty, the church is still functioning the best it can with telephone ministry, emailing and posting orders of service and other communications, along with offering Morning Prayer using Zoom and the SEC offering on-line services.

There are still expenses to cover and we have obviously lost a lot of our income with the building being closed. If you usually give using freewill envelopes or money in the plate and feel able to do so, you could change your giving to standing order. Please get in touch with me for more information. Alternatively you could simply send a cheque to the church office. We are very grateful for all the support we are receiving. Many thanks, Nicki.

### **The Sign:**

Until further notice, there will be no monthly issues of ‘The Sign’ magazine.

### **The Open Forum:**

There will be no meeting in April. Details of the next Open Forum meeting will be advised in the pew notes, in due course.

### **Weekly Prayer:**

My loving Lord, it's so hard to love the world sometimes and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible. Help me to be inspired by his love and guided by his example. Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it alone, and that trying is an arrogance of self-centeredness. I need you, dear God, to give me support in this journey. Show me how to unlock my heart so that I am less selfish. Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness that will be transformed by you into Easter joy. Amen.

It is with sadness that our church **building** is closed for the time being, but our **people** continue to meet virtually.

Details of online services will be posted at:

[www.scotland.anglican.org/coronavirus-updates/](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/coronavirus-updates/)

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