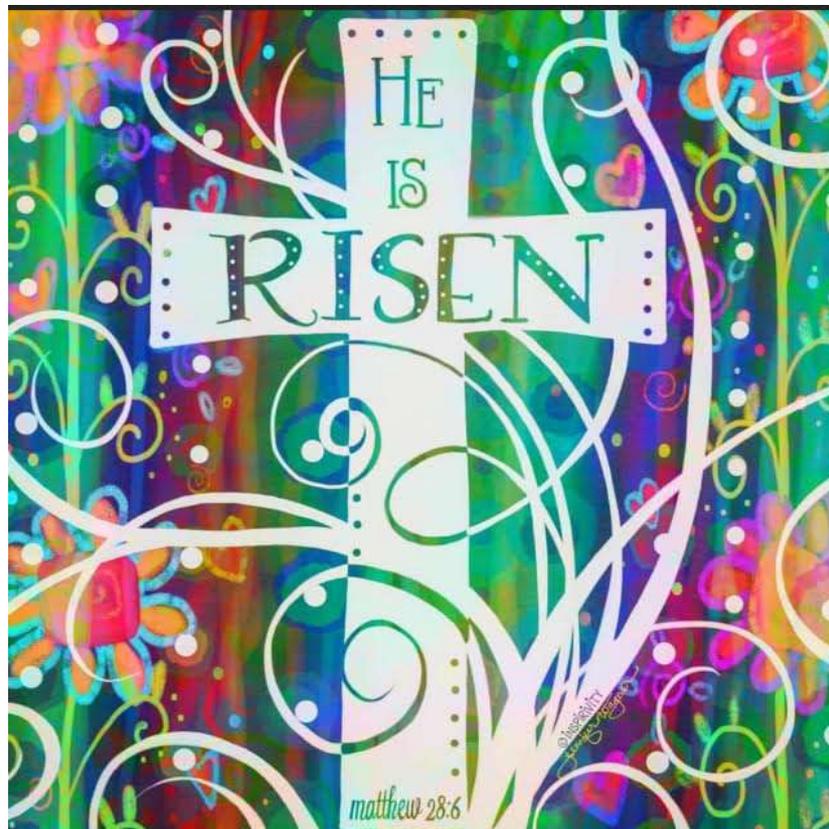


**ST CUTHBERT'S  
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
COLINTON**

**Second Sunday of Easter  
19 April 2020**



**COVID-19  
No Services in Church**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Allelulia!**

**HYMN 102 – Christ the Lord is ris'n again**

*Please stand*

**Christ the Lord is risen again,  
Christ hath broken every chain.  
Hark, angelic voices cry,  
singing evermore on high,  
Alleluia.**

**He who gave for us his life,  
who for us endured the strife,  
is our paschal Lamb today;  
we too sing for joy, and say  
Alleluia.**

**He who bore all pain and loss  
comfortless upon the cross,  
lives in glory now on high,  
pleads for us, and hears our cry:  
Alleluia.**

**He whose path no records tell,  
who descended into hell,  
who the strong man armed hath bound,  
now in highest heaven is crowned.  
Alleluia.**

**He who slumbered in the grave  
is exalted now to save;  
now through Christendom it rings  
that the Lamb is King of kings.**

**Alleluia.**

**Now he bids us tell abroad  
how the lost may be restored,  
how the penitent forgiven  
how we too may enter heaven.**

**Alleluia.**

**Thou, our paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;  
take our sins and guilt away:  
let us sing by night and day**

**Alleluia.**

*Michael Weisse (c.1480-1534) trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) alt.*

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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.**

## **Gloria**

*Please stand*

***Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,***

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

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

***Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,***

**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.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,***

**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.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.***

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

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not  
seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,**

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please sit*

### **First Reading: Acts 2. 14a, 22-32**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would

put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 16 (Said)**

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the LORD, ‘You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.’**

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn 798 – We have a gospel to proclaim**

*Please stand*

**We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to serve;  
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:  
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free;  
he broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King;  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.**

**This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

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**Gospel: John 20.19-31**

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

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out

your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

*Please sit*

## **The Sermon**

I would imagine that we can all relate a little to the story of Thomas and it gives us confidence in our doubt, but of course it’s not just a story about Thomas. It’s also a story about frightened disciples, but when Jesus comes on the scene, their fear falls away and is replaced by joy.

This, I think, is the way we assume faith should work. Yes, perhaps we’ve got doubts and questions and fears, but then God arrives and those all fall away, replaced by joy and wonder and, of course, unshakeable faith.

But that’s not the way it works with Thomas. He doubts. He questions. He disbelieves. He’s not satisfied with second-hand reports and wants to see for himself. And again, I

would say, who can blame him? He was, after all, one of those who saw his Lord and friend mistreated, beaten, and then crucified and has probably spent the last few days pulling the broken pieces of his life back together, and trying to figure out what to do next. In fact, he might have already started getting on with his life – why else, I wonder, is he out and about, when the rest of the disciples are hiding behind locked doors.

So, the week following Easter, I'm wondering how many of us are feeling like Thomas, behind our locked doors. How did we celebrate the resurrection in our homes and hearts and are we ready to come face to face with Christ as we continue our journey through life and through Coronavirus?

We know that Thomas does come to believe as he sees Jesus himself and makes the most profound confession of faith about Jesus, calling Jesus, "my Lord and my God", bookending the confession in John 1, where the eternal word that becomes flesh is not only with God, but is God.

But all of that comes after he has a chance to voice his doubt. And I believe that true, vigorous, vibrant faith comes from the freedom to question, wonder, and doubt. For some, faith comes more easily. Maybe many of the other disciples were like that (although let's not forget that they got to see what Thomas asked for!). But for others it's harder.

To tell you the truth, I have no idea what the other disciples thought of Thomas' initial scepticism. Maybe they were scandalized. Or maybe they sympathized. I also suspect that

John's whole point in including this story in his Gospel is to affirm the faith of his community, a group of people who "had not seen, yet believed." But this Sunday after Easter, I feel it's important to make room for a little doubt.

I think that if we don't have any doubts, we're probably not taking the story seriously enough. I mean, really think about what we confess when we come together on Sundays: that the Creator of the vast cosmos not only knows we exist, but cares deeply and passionately about our ups and downs, our hopes and dreams. And as incredible as this is, we come together, and in hearing the Word and partaking of the Sacraments and by being joined to those around us through prayer and song, we have come to believe.

Many believers struggle with their own doubts brought about by life's unpredictability and tempestuous nature. We have very real struggles in our lives that generate an uncertainty about where God is to be found in all the turmoil. Some are probably experiencing that now, as friends and family may be suffering and dying due to COVID19. Or maybe people are struggling with mental health issues being confined to home, not forgetting those suffering domestic violence in the home. Real turmoil for many people.

For some it's easy. For others, more difficult. For some, hearing the testimony of Scripture is enough. For others, they need something more personal and direct, and they question - because questions and wonder and doubt and even scepticism are signs of interest and curiosity and these, quite often, are where vibrant faith is born.

One of the greatest blessings we encounter as Christians, I believe, is the freedom to admit when we have doubts. As faithful Christians, we should have the audacity to ask tough questions concerning our faith and traditions.

Thomas often gets bad press for doubting the resurrection of Jesus; however, he was no more doubtful than the other disciples and apostles. The other disciples didn't believe that Jesus had risen until he appeared to them, so why should we expect Thomas to be any different?

Doubt can be a wonderful tool that propels us into deeper learning, earnest soul searching, and spiritual revelation. Faith based on absolute certainty leads to fanaticism, but faith tempered with doubt is mature and stable.

Thomas comes to faith because he first has the chance to voice his doubt and questions and then experiences Jesus for himself. I hope and pray that in these difficult times your faith remains inquisitive and strong, and that you are able to relate to the words in the First Letter of Peter. "Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

*Nicki*

## **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.**

## **Intercessions**

***We thank you, Lord.***

***Response: We thank you for everything, always***

Risen Lord and source of all life, we thank you for your warm touch, that opens our eyes and hearts to see your glory, as witnessed by your disciples in the locked house. We thank you for the hope you give us even in these darkest of times, as manifested by the first tenuous seeds of recovery from the coronavirus in some parts of the world. We thank you for your wondrous power to regenerate, so evident in our gardens at this time of year. We thank you for the light that shines on us and warms us from your church leaders over the Easter season.

For these gifts, we thank you, Lord.

***We thank you for everything, always.***

Risen Lord, in your presence we confess that in our daily lives we have doubts, as Thomas did, especially when faced with so much sadness and danger. We may also be putting our own needs before those of others. Help us to be more like your apostles whose time together was filled with faith, harmony, generosity and gladness, despite the suffering they endured in your name.

For their inspirational legacy, we thank you, Lord.

***We thank you for everything, always.***

Risen Lord, in our selfishness we continue to go our own ways, often oblivious of your message of love and peace. Help us to be faithful in our role as carers of our planet and

to protect your wonderful world for future generations.  
Help us to remember that your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives.

For your good shepherding, we thank you, Lord.

**We thank you for everything, always.**

Risen Lord, we pray for all those all over the world who have lost loved ones to the coronavirus and for those struggling to overcome it. We pray for those working on the front line to combat this disease and to comfort those suffering from it, especially doctors, nurses and carers. We pray for those directing our strategies to overcome it. We pray for those isolated from friends and family. We pray that we may all receive grace and strength from you through the Holy Spirit so we face the unpredictable future with courage and consideration for others.

For your kindness, wisdom and mercy, we thank you, Lord.

**We thank you for everything, always.**

Risen Lord, help us to count our blessings and to use our gifts for the good of others. Help us to spread your message of love, mercy and peace by example, as faithful witnesses to your resurrection. We have the wonderful example of the apostles, many of whom gave their lives to teach your word. For your comforting guidance, we thank you, Lord.

**We thank you for everything, always.**

*Merciful father accept these prayers for the sake of your risen son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*Caroline Seville*

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Offertory Hymn 143 – Come, ye faithful, raise the strain**

*Please stand*

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel  
into joy from sadness;  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls today;  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen:  
all the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.**

**Alleluia now we cry  
to our King immortal,**

**who triumphant burst the bars  
of the tomb's dark portal;  
alleluia, with the Son,  
God the Father praising;  
alleluia yet again  
to the Spirit raising.**

*St John of Damascus (d.c.754) trans. John Mason Neale (1816-1866) alt.  
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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, Author of all being.  
Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.  
You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and  
filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope.  
He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin  
and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who  
burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we 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.*

*(Sung)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, 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 who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**  
*(Kneel or sit)*

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

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

*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 slaves walked free, 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, Saint 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**

*All are welcome to receive Communion, or if you would prefer, please come to the altar rail for a blessing.*

**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 34 – Amazing grace!**

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.**

**I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.**

**'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;**

**he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.**

*vs.1-4 John Newton (1725-1807) alt. v5 John Rees (1828-1900)  
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## **THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT**

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our  
hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may  
grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus  
Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

### **HYMN 463 – Lord Jesus Christ**

*Please stand*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
you are one with us, Mary's Son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in,  
Jesus, our love for you we wing,  
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day  
teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you.  
Into our lives your power breaks through,  
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
born as one of us, Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us see  
you are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,  
live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your power breaks through,  
living Lord.**

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### **Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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.**

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## **St Cuthbert's Notes**

**19 April 2020**

**Bishop of Edinburgh's 2020 Lent Appeal Extended:**

**Donations will now be accepted up to  
the end of August 2020**

'The Communicant' is a newsletter with news and notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh, which is published by the Diocesan Office fortnightly.

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In the latest edition, you will read a note regarding the Bishop's Lent Appeal for 2020 - "Charities are suffering at the moment and the two charities we are supporting this year desperately need money to continue their work. In both cases, although in different ways, this work is vital for the post-pandemic world." Any donations would be gratefully accepted, and if possible, in the current circumstances, please make this payment to St Cuthbert's SEC by bank transfer, using the reference 'Lent Appeal'. The bank account details for St Cuthbert's are:-

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Thank you.

**Weekly Prayer:**

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Amen.

