

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

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday 17 January 2021**



COVID-19
Services Online on our YouTube Channel

HYMN 33 – Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, King eternal,
he the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth his footstool, heaven his throne;
he within the veil has entered
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
he on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) alt.
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Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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.

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 (*Said*)

**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.**

**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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3.1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6.12-20

'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 743 – There is a Redeemer

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 your Spirit
till 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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GOSPEL: John 1.43-51

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

SERMON

Our God is a calling God. Throughout all time, we find God calling people to carry out specific tasks:

Wealthy and settled Abraham was called to leave everything and go to a land that God would show him.

The reluctant Moses was called to lead the people of Israel to freedom.

The shepherd boy, David, was called to be king.

Gideon, who wanted proof that it was really God who was speaking to him, was called to lead an army against Israel's enemies.

The cheat and thief Matthew was called to be a disciple.

The Christian hater, Saul of Tarsus, was called to be a missionary to the Gentiles.

You wonder why God chose some of the people he did, in fact, not some, but almost everyone God called to do a specific task would not have been our first choice.

When God called Jeremiah to speak to the people, he was just a lad. He lacked confidence and the eloquence required to stand against God's enemies – but God called him anyway.

When God called young Mary to be the mother of the Saviour, it seemed so wrong. She was too young, too poor, unmarried, too ordinary, but God called her anyway.

When Jesus called Peter, James and John they were simple fishermen with no special qualifications, but he called them anyway.

What is evident in all these examples is that the people whom God calls to do his work are ordinary people like you and me – people with weaknesses, people with their fair share of marriage and family problems, people who don't have much going for them from a human point of view.

It is not beyond God to seemingly call the *wrong* people, for the *wrong* jobs at the *wrong* time and place. It seems all wrong, but God knows what he is doing.

In every case, God is fully aware of their lack of confidence and skills. No doubt, he knew very well that what he was asking them to do was dangerous and would severely test their courage and commitment.

And so, at the burning bush God said to Moses, "*I will be with you.*" (Exodus 3:12) To the doubt filled Gideon, God said, "*Peace. Don't be afraid.*" (Judges 6:23) To young Jeremiah, God said, "*Do not be afraid, I will be with you to protect you.... I am giving you the words you must speak*" (Jeremiah 1:8,9). To the disciples, Jesus final words were, "*I will be with you always to the close of the age*" (Matt 28:20).

God hasn't changed one bit. He is as real today as he was to Moses and the disciples. He still does crazy things (so it seems) and calls ordinary people like you and me to do his work in this world, even though we can think of a million reasons why he has chosen the wrong person.

Most of us here were called by God to be a part of his family at baptism. At baptism we may not have been aware of God's call, but now we can look back and see how God's call has affected us. He has called us to be disciples and to trust in Jesus.

That effects the way we live our lives, the way we work together as his people, the love that we share, our attitude to worship and the way we gladly help in the church and in the community with our time, energy and money.

The call God issues to each of us is not just a one-off thing that happened a long time ago when we were baptised, but he calls us by name, every day, to turn away from evil and wrong-doing and to trust the Holy Spirit to guide us along the right path.

As we journey through another lockdown, it is hard to see the Holy Spirit amongst the frustration, pain, loneliness, grief, sorrow – and any other negative word that is with us right now but we must keep open our eyes, ears and hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit.

We usually begin a new year full of hope and expectation of good things to come but this year has been different. So, on those days when things aren't turning out well for us, God calls us to pray to him, and rely on him for help. And don't forget when you can't find the words to pray, the Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf.

When sickness, trouble, and everything that we put under the heading of "bad luck" get us down, Jesus calls us to remember his promise that he will always be near to strengthen us and give us the boldness to keep on going.

God has called us in our church, our community, our families, our covid bubbles and we need to listen and have the strength to respond as Samuel did. *"Speak, for your servant is listening."* Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Dear Lord and Redeemer,
We worship you and bow down before you. We thank you for giving us your son and leaving us your holy spirit. We thank you for those ministering to us in your name, especially in these challenging times. We ask you to help us all to break down the barriers that keep people apart. As all things are made whole through Jesus, renew your church, we pray, that we may be invigorated for the mission you have given us – to spread your message of light, love and kindness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord and Redeemer,

As your holy spirit moved upon the face of the earth, you brought light to the world. Help us now, we pray, as this dark and dangerous pandemic continues relentlessly. Breathe your grace and compassion into the souls of those who have authority over others, that they may exercise it fairly, reflecting your wisdom and love, and sharing the hope you have given us through the vaccination programme.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord and Redeemer,

Grant us the unquestioning faith of your disciples, Philip and Nathanael. Pour your love upon our church, as we try to emulate the example of your early followers, in whom you were well pleased. 'Guide us to thy perfect light'. Renew in us daily the desire to serve you and our neighbours; help us to overcome any pettiness in our dealings with one another.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord and Redeemer,

Look with mercy, we pray, upon those whose lives are bruised and whose hopes are quenched, through loss of loved ones, illness or loneliness. Help us all to feel the reality of your wonderful promise to be a constant presence to us and to be with us always when we feel overwhelmed.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord and Redeemer,

We commend to you all those who have died who were close to you in this life and reflected your ways. They are now with you in the life eternal. May they stand in glory and see your holy face. May they rest in the warmth of your light and love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Caroline Seville

OFFERTORY HYMN 327 – I cannot tell

I cannot tell
how he whom angels worship
should stoop to love
the peoples of the earth,
or why as shepherd
he should seek the wand'rer
with his mysterious promise
of new birth.

But this I know,
that he was born of Mary,
when Beth'lem's manger
was his only home,
and that he lived at
Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour,
Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell
how he will win the nations,
how he will claim
his earthly heritage,
how satisfy
the needs and aspirations
of east and west,
of sinner and of safe.
But this I know,
all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap
the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day
his sun shall shine in splendour
when he the Saviour,
Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell
how all the lands shall worship,
when, at his bidding,
every storm is stilled,
or who can say
how great the jubilation
when every heart
with perfect love is filled.
But this I know,
the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad
human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n,
and heav'n to earth, will answer:
'At last the Saviour,
Saviour of the world, is King!'

William Young Fullerton (1857-1932) 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and
at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens
and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in
a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that
we might for ever dwell in you. Through your Holy Spirit you
call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:-

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. 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."

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.

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.

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.

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.**

INVITATION

This is God's gift to us; The sign of his great love.
Receive of this and take Christ into your heart.

A PRAYER FOR US TO PRAY AT HOME:

God of infinite mercy, we thank you for Jesus our Saviour, who feeds his people and gives them eternal life. Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine, we thank you that we do receive Christ's saving presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of his passion. Grant that we may continue for ever in the Risen Life of our Saviour. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

POST COMMUNION

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; 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 17 January 2021

Update on Services:

**Due to the current restrictions,
there will be no services in church until further notice.
However, our weekly service will continue to be recorded,
and available to view on our YouTube Channel:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3iPQOkQiVERjeHZbj2OnBQ>

The Sign:

Sunday 17 January is the deadline date for any information or articles for the February 2021 issue of 'The Sign' is Please send to stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com. Thank you.

Sunday Social on Zoom:

Every week at 11am, from Sunday 7th February.

Please see below for further details – we hope you can join us.

Membership:

This year, we plan to update the St Cuthbert's Membership information, and also the 'Membership Booklet' (current one is May 2019). More details to follow in the pew notes and Sign issues. Thank you.

Weekly Prayer:

As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on the 18th, we use their prayer:

Lord, you invite us to abide in you who are the vinedresser who cares for us with love. You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine, the beauty of each person. And yet, too often the differences in others make us afraid. We withdraw into ourselves. Our trust in you and one another is lost. Come and direct our hearts toward you once again. That as one family we may praise your name. Amen.

Sunday Social on Zoom

Every week at 11am, from Sunday 7th February

Vestry have been looking at different ways we can connect with one another as we continue to lead very restricted lives during the pandemic. One of the new initiatives is our Sunday Social.

Why not enjoy your morning coffee whilst chatting to others from St Cuthbert's, catch up with the news and chat about different topics? We will be together for about 45 minutes, in smallish groups, so it will be easy to speak to one another. If you are not familiar with Zoom or do not have a computer, but are part of a "bubble" who do, why not invite your family member or friend to join you, and come on Zoom together? You may not know, but you can also join a zoom meeting without a computer, from your landline phone.

The Zoom link will be included in The Sign, in our weekly pew sheets and will be separately emailed to everyone.

To find out more about Sunday Social, about joining us by phone, please contact: Wendy Pearson, Patricia Brignall, or Philip Rossiter.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 7th February!

St Cuthbert's Vestry

You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Topic: Sunday Social

Time: Feb 7, 2021 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82788359017>

Meeting ID: 827 8835 9017

When you press on the link, you will enter a waiting room. Don't panic, someone will let you in. This link will last until the end of March and then a new one will be issued.

Looking forward to seeing you!

