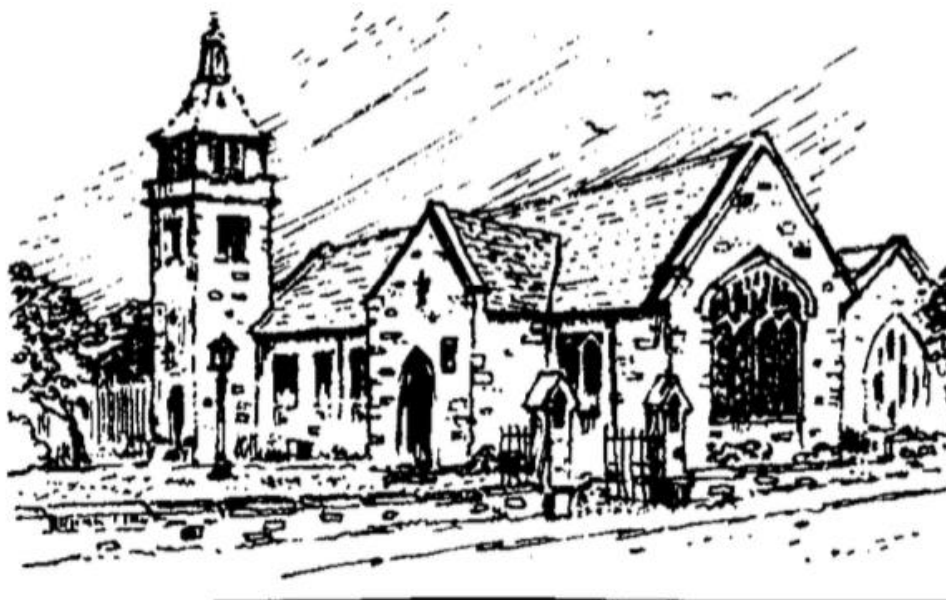


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## HYMN 19 – All my hope on God is founded

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendor, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store,  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

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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.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided,

through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 172 – Father, Lord of creation

Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of Being, Life and Love;  
height and depth beyond description  
only life in you can prove:  
you are mortal life's dependence:  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
yours is every hour's existence,  
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,  
we, your people, make our prayer:  
help us love – as sisters, brothers –  
all whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;  
where no selfishness can sever  
there your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning  
wind and flame of Pentecost,  
fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
to regain what we have lost.  
May your love unite our action,  
nevermore to speak alone:  
God, in us abolish faction,  
God through us your love make known.

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**GOSPEL: John 2.13-22**

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his

body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## SERMON

How loudly can you shout or yell? If we were all together I would ask you to demonstrate (I am sure I would need ear defenders!)

We are a family of 5 and I am sure you can imagine that there is a lot of yelling that happens on a daily basis; happy, cross and sad – sometimes all at the same time.

For those of you who are parents or have ever had to work with children, I am sure you have had those conversations with a child which could have made you pull your hair out in frustration. Equally, I am sure as a child you have had a conversation with an adult which made you want to yell, scream and stamp your foot.

Today in our Gospel, Jesus got cross. He yelled.

I always find this so different to the loving God we usually talk about. The God who loves us and offers forgiveness without judgement. The God who forgives everything. The angry God is something we try not to think about. Reading the stories in the old testament, God can be vengeful and destructive. He is scary.

Why do we get angry?

Usually something that was beyond our control goes wrong or maybe we are in a stressful situation or we have been threatened.

Putting my Mummy shoes on for a second – the arguments we have most in our house are when a rule has been broken. A rule which was put in place for the safety of my children. Parents shout when you scare them.

God is no different. We are all his children and sometimes we don't do what we are told and get into a place where we could come to harm. We scare God when we ignore him and his love.

Why was Jesus angry?

Thinking back to the Temple – it was time for Passover and all people made the journey to Jerusalem, some of those were quite poor and couldn't afford to bring their own animal with them to be offered as a sacrifice. The Temple offered a place to buy an animal, so those people could make their offering. A noble idea? Well, they cheated those poor people by putting up the prices on the animals and then made it more expensive with currency exchange. All to make their temple bigger, grander, richer.

When poor people are being taken advantage of should we be allowed to get angry? We should be defending them. Those who need defending – those who are poor and defenceless from being taken advantage of. We should get



angry and so does God. Jesus taught us how to love and sometimes it is OK to get angry.

We do have fundraisers and dream about adding bits or removing bits to make our buildings better. Make God's house a little nicer. I love going to different Churches and one of the best things about the Scottish Episcopal Church is how many different types of Churches we have. So many different sizes with rich diverse history from pre and post Jacobite times. Sometimes you can't help but compare them. For instance, I love St. Cuthbert's beautiful Stained glass and the rood screen. It is incredibly beautiful. I got the opportunity to stay at the Cathedral on Cumbrae and the artwork there is beautiful. Andrew and I were married in St. Mark's in Portobello which was built to look like a house as it was built during a time when being an Episcopalian was banned. In our frequent stays on the Black Isle, we have been to a lot of the Churches nearby and they each have something different to pull the eye and I often think that I could take the best from all these Churches and make an uber amazing Church or maybe just raise some money to make our side Chapel look as fancy as someone else's. I am forgetting the best thing about each of these places has nothing to do with the building. It is the welcome we received. The love from the people. Those people who love God and shared that love with me in their place. It is why even though we are apart, each doing our bit to protect those people who are vulnerable we are still together in Spirit, worshipping our God with one voice and praying for our incredible world that God has given us to take care of

and for each other. God loves the whole world and everyone and thing upon it. We need to love the things that God loves and help others to do the same.

Amen.

*Caroline Daye*

## 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

Lord God, we come to you spread apart from each other but still in fellowship to worship your holy name as one family. We are happy in your love and the beauty of your world. Thank you for the precious gift of the world, we watch your creations in awe as they start new life from flowers, to leaves growing on trees and birds hatching.

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

We pray for all leaders across the world. Help them lead by example to keep their people and their lands safe. We pray for the Governments as they struggle to lead us forward into a world with the pandemic behind us. Give them courage to take the necessary steps to keep us healthy.

We pray for all those in countries who do not feel safe or are hungry, we pray for their protection and ask you to bless them with hope for the future so they can rebuild their lives.

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

We pray for our Church family here in St. Cuthbert's. Keep us all safe as we worship together as one big family, even if we are not all physically together. We pray for the whole Church across the Province, for our Bishop John and for Nicki, Margaret and Bob as they lead us in a message of love.

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

We pray for those around us, for our friends and families. We pray for those who are those who are now back in school and those who are still home schooling. We pray for students, teachers and professors everywhere, asking that you keep them all safe and give them courage and support them in all their hard work.

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

We pray for those who need your love and those who have asked for our prayers. Let all those in need feel your loving and caring presence. Give them strength to overcome their burdens and let your love shine through them all.

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

We pray for all those who have lost someone. Be with them as they mourn and support them, so they know they are not going through their grief alone. We pray for all those who have died, may they know the eternal joy of living in your presence.

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

Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Caroline Daye and our Young People*

OFFERTORY HYMN 362 – Inspired by love and anger

Inspired by love and anger,  
disturbed by endless pain,  
aware of God's own bias,  
we ask him once again:  
'How long must some folk suffer?  
How long can few folk mind?  
How long dare vain self-int'rest  
turn prayer and pity blind?'

To God, who through the prophets  
proclaimed a diff'rent age,  
we offer earth's indiff'rence,  
its agony and rage: *(continued...)*

'When will the wronged be righted?  
When will the kingdom come?  
When will the world be gen'rous  
to all instead of some?'

God asks: 'Who will go for me?  
Who will extend my reach?  
And who, when few will listen,  
will prophesy and preach?  
And who, when few bid welcome,  
will offer all they know?  
And who, when few dare follow,  
will walk the road I show?'

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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, 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:

**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 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.

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."

**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.**

## **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

**Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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.**