

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

**Pentecost 2
2 & 6 June 2021
10.30am**



**COVID-19
Services in Church and
online on our YouTube Channel**

Welcome to this service, where we are pleased to be able to gather together to worship God. We are only allowed to do this because precautions have been put into place to protect each other as sisters and brothers in Christ during the pandemic. Please follow the guidelines given on the order of service and verbally by the worship leader or welcomers.

Face coverings must be worn throughout the service.

Please stand as the clergy enters.

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

Please sit

As we are not allowed to sing, please reflect on the words of the hymn and enjoy the music as Philip plays the organ.

HYMN 27 - All who would valiant be

All who would valiant be,
'gainst all disaster,
let them in constancy
follow their Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make them once relent,
the first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Those who beset them round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound –
their strength the more is.
No foe shall stay their might
though they with giants fight:
they will make good the right
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away,
we'll fear not what they say,
we'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) after John Bunyan (1628-1688) 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.

**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.

Please stand

GLORIA (*Said*)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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

O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, 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: Genesis 3.8-15

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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GRADUAL HYMN 110 –

Christ's is the world in which we move,
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who calls us here.

*To the lost Christ shows his face;
to the unloved he gives his embrace;
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes with his friends a touching place.*

Feel for the people we most avoid,
strange or bereaved or never employed;
feel for the women, and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.

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Please stand

Gospel: Mark 3.20-35

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

When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' — for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

SERMON

Please sit

‘Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’ That strong affirmation of Jesus sounds really hopeful news for us, but what about his human, biological family! I’m sure they must have found that truly disturbing, having heard the rumours circulating about him antagonizing the authorities and feeling anxious for his physical safety. However, they *didn’t* understand Jesus’ true purpose or who he really was, and so couldn’t understand why they weren’t being allowed to see him, their son and brother. Imagine how *we* would feel if someone we loved, but whose actions seemed incomprehensible and risky, wouldn’t let *us* help.

What *were* these dangers? Well, to have brought the scribes, the Pharisees, down from Jerusalem to follow him round Galilee was a danger signal. They were concerned that Jesus’ message, his refusal to slavishly follow all the rules of the law, as Jane Williams asserts, constituted a threat to their authority. As Jesus wasn’t sticking to the precepts of scripture, God’s law, they considered that his power, his power to heal, must come from the devil. They saw him as a dangerous rebel.

But Jesus’ answer was cleverly constructed. It centred round the theme of *unity*, a theme he referred to more and more as his ministry continued. On this occasion he employed the argument that a kingdom standing together, or a household

supporting each other, would remain effective, but would fail if engaged in dissension and opposition. As Douglas Wingeier affirms, Jesus was arguing that evil and good are in opposition, so his healings, his casting out of evil spirits, demonstrated that he was serving the forces of good.

So, let's look at this emphasis on unity, standing together, working together – for good. How we wish that politicians within our own country, nations across the world, would work together for good, would work together to do 'the will of God.' The pandemic and the climate and biodiversity crises have emphasised the importance of this dramatically over recent months. Sadly, the prioritizing of political and economic power, greed, self-interest and hatred *still* prevent working together, *still* fuel dissension, leading, among many causes of distress, to unequal availability of the basic necessities of life, unequal distribution of vaccines and other medical supplies and an increasing refugee crisis.

But there *are* sources of light and hope across the world, among large scale charities, small local groups and individual determination. Can *we* as Christians, as disciples, show the way, being united as 'brother, sister and mother' to each other, doing the 'will of God'? Are we on the right path? What should it look like? Well, I believe that doing the will of God has to be founded in love, the central pillar of God's being. He loves his creation, he loves humankind with unlimited, unmerited love, so to do the will of God, our thoughts, words and actions should reflect this basic truth. There are many Christian resources to guide us: for example, in the prayer of St. Francis, we pray to 'sow love' where

there is hatred. And I find this quote from Desmond Tutu very thought-provoking: 'When you look at someone with eyes of love, you see a reality different from that of someone who looks at the same person without love, with hatred or even just with indifference.' Something to ponder over when we feel moved to anger or despair by the actions of others. To illustrate it, I find Tutu's observation is reflected in a delightful story of how a young Christian mother, a beauty therapist, living in a run-down council estate, reached out in love rather than despairing over or ignoring the broken lives of others around her. She started inviting one or two to her house for coffee and a free make-over, showing love in action, through friendship, caring and pampering. May such examples of God's loving will gradually spread across humankind like ripples across a pond.

'Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.' A wonderful, key concept for us to follow. However, I believe it's fair to say that doing the will of God, being part of a Christian, church family, doesn't **exclude** us from loving our biological families, from helping them to understand God's will, his inextinguishable love, and supporting them when they're troubled.

Let us pray. Loving God, help us to follow your will, to show hearts full of love, particularly when life is difficult and the actions of others make anger or despair spring too quickly to mind. May we reflect your unceasing love for your creation, for all of humankind, in our thoughts, words and actions, however small and insignificant they may seem to be.

We ask this for the sake of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose ministry showed us the way, the truth, the life. **Amen.**

Revd. Dr. Margaret Dineley

(we pause to listen to a short piece of music for personal reflection)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand

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.**

Please sit or kneel

INTERCESSIONS

Dear Lord, We pray for your church and those who lead us in your name, especially as the Covid pandemic continues. Inspire in us the desire to draw together as we seek to serve you. Help us to reach out as the Body of Christ to all who remain outside and love them as our brothers and sisters.

Through your amazing grace, may we invite them to see that the Lord is good. May we all worship you, either in church or elsewhere, with sincere and thankful hearts.

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

Dear Lord, You draw us by your perfection and encourage us by your example. Let our worship be full of praise, declaring your glory. As we move towards mid-summer and the days are at their longest, may we be bathed in the light of Christ, marvelling at your creation and drawing on our faith as a source of unfailing refreshment and support.

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

Dear Lord, You have commanded us to love one another. Help us to be gentle, thoughtful and forgiving with everyone we know and meet. We thank you for the unselfish kindness which our friends show us, sharing our laughter in times of happiness and standing beside us in difficult times – like the one we have gone through since March last year. May we be good friends in our turn, ready to help, but not to interfere, and at all times a dependable source of companionship and comfort.

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

Dear Lord, We long to see an end to poverty, injustice and conflict. We remember those who are caught in wars, like the Palestinians and the Israelis, suffering loss of family, friends, possessions and dignity. We are mindful of those

countries still struggling with the devastating effects of coronavirus. Help us to do what we can to keep the peace and to meet the needs of others in far-away places. Give comfort to those who are distressed or ill. We also bring before you those who have died recently, wherever they are. May they rest in peace.

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

Come down, O Love Divine, and fill us, we pray, with the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self – control. Let all these qualities direct our lives, to the glory of your name.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

As we are not allowed to sing, please reflect on the words of the hymn and enjoy the music as Philip plays the organ.

OFFERTORY HYMN 34 – Amazing Grace

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

I once was lost, but now I'm 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.

When we've been there a 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. v.5 John Rees (1828-1900)
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Please stand

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.

Please sit

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, Saint 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

The gifts of God for the people of God.
All are welcome to receive.

Music for the sharing of Communion.

Please remain in your seat to receive Communion in one form only. The worship leader will bring it to you. Keep your face covering on until the person bringing the wafer has moved away and then you can lift it to eat the wafer.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, we have shared in the mysteries of the body and blood of Christ. Nourish us by this feast, that we may live the risen life and serve you faithfully in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: 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.

2 & 6 June 2021

YouTube:

Join the full service each week online,
(recording of the Wednesday service) using
this link to our YouTube Channel:



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

Services in Church:

As numbers at each service are limited,
booking is required to attend.

Bookings can be made:

Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday 10am – 1pm by email:

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or by telephone: 07305 911986

(if no answer, please leave a message).

You will receive an email or telephone call a few days prior to the
service to confirm your place.

If you are not booked in, you will be unable to attend.

Thank you.

Sunday Social on Zoom:

Join us at our weekly ‘Sunday Social’ on Zoom. If you do not have
the meeting link, just email stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com to request
it. We look forward to seeing you.

Oxgangs Community Church Foodbank:

If you are able to help, please donate any non-perishable food
items, or cleaning products for the Oxgangs Community Church
Foodbank. Items can be brought to church if you are booked in
to attend a service, or dropped off to the Rectory porch at any
time. Thank you for your support.

Nicki

The Sign:

The next issue of 'The Sign' will be for July and August.

Please note – the deadline for information and articles is

Sunday 13 June. Please send to stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com

Thank you.

Sunday 27 June:

If you would like to attend the service on Sunday 27 June, please email or telephone Marie by Friday 18 June to reserve a place.

Thank you.

Surfacing Artists – Exhibitions:

An artist's collective exploring how they have viewed the landscape after 'surfacing' post lockdown. 4-6 June, 151 London Road, Edinburgh and 18-20 June, The Life Room, 23b Dundas Street, Edinburgh – see below and further details in future pew notices.

Weekly Prayer:

Glorious Trinity, make your presence known to us here at St Cuthbert's through our worship, our prayer and the reading of your word. May we, through Father, Son and Holy Spirit, delight in love, justice and peace, endeavoring to embody them in our dealings with other people. Amen.

SURFACING ARTISTS



**EDINBURGH
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151 London Road,
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4th - 6th June 2021
11am - 6pm

Opening Night:
3rd June 2021
6pm - 8pm

We are an artist's collective exploring how we view the landscape after "surfacing" post lockdown. Our interests span over cities, countryside and the coast, each with our unique perspective.

Lorna Balmer
Patricia Carlow
Ellen Collingsworth
Monique Dick
Evie Jamieson
Peter Lee
Laura Mackenzie
Fiona Marynicz
Kenny Montgomery
Pat Paige
Susan Reid
Kate Spurway
Evie Rose Thornton
Jo Watt