

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

**Sunday before Lent
27 February 2022**



*Welcome to the morning service.
Please join us in the hall for coffee following the 10.30am service.*

Please stand as the clergy enter

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

HYMN 378 – Jesus calls us here to meet him

Please stand

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

**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 (*Sung*)

Please stand

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

**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.**

***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

Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross, that, in the world to come, we may see him as he is; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

FIRST READING: Exodus 34. 29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3. 12 – 4.2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 199 Forgive our sins as we forgive

Please stand

GOSPEL: Luke 9. 28-36

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

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

SERMON

Please sit

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

THE PEACE

Please stand

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

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn 516 My God, how wonderful you are

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.

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.

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, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

Music for the sharing of Communion

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. Amen.

HYMN 623 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!

Please stand

BLESSING

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

The worship is over;
the service begins.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

St Cuthbert's Notes

27 February 2022



St. Cuthbert's will continue with the following guidance:

- **Face masks to be worn, unless exempt.**
- **Hand gel should be used on entry and exit to church.**
- **Communion remains in one form only.**
- **Social distancing of 1 metre is recommended.**
- **Congregations are advised to undertake Lateral Flow Testing before attending services. If your Lateral Flow Test is negative, but you are experiencing any symptoms, please do not attend the service. Further information can be found on the website NHS inform – www.nhsinform.scot**

Ash Wednesday Service:

A service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes.
Wednesday 2 March at 10.30am. All welcome.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2022: The Welcoming

The Welcoming supports refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to feel at home in Edinburgh. We support New Scots to learn English, secure employment and access local services, offering opportunities for friendship, health and wellbeing, and sustainable living. We also connect locals and New Scots through social and cultural exchanges, and a thriving volunteering programme. Our vision is of a diverse and inclusive Scotland, where everyone feels welcome and can achieve their potential. We have a twenty-year legacy of supporting new arrivals in Scotland. Our free English classes, friendship groups, one-to-one befriending service, and employability support are vital for many New Scots who face

the challenge of building lives in a new country. We are asking for your donation so that we can continue providing our support to New Scots in Edinburgh. You can help make your Edinburgh a more welcoming place for refugees and migrants.

www.thewelcoming.org

There will be more information on the pew sheets and website during Lent about how to make a donation.

Thank you.

R&R

We will be meeting on zoom throughout Lent on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, and welcome anyone who would like to journey with us.

Our guide will be **“At Home in Lent: an exploration of Lent through 46 objects”** by Gordon Giles. Inspired by the BBC Radio 4 series, A History of the World in 100 Objects, the book seeks to show us the spiritual significance of objects that can be found in almost any home- reminding us that the Holy Spirit of God is everywhere and in everything! There is a short biblical reading and reflection for each day.

Many of you will already be committed to the Lent discussion course on Monday evenings, led by Lesley, which will be excellent. But you may also wish to follow a reflective prayer guide even if you are unable to commit to another evening meeting. I have one copy spare in addition to those who asked me to order for them, so please let me know if you'd like it. £8.00 includes discount. It's also not too late to order a copy yourself.

Thanks, Wendy

Pastoral Visiting:

If you would like to continue being a pastoral visitor, or join the team, please contact Nicki if you have not already done so.

Thank you.

Coffee:

We are now able to serve coffee in the church hall following the 10.30am Sunday Service. If you are attending, please keep your face mask on when moving around and collecting coffee. Thank you. If you are able to help put up and clear away the tables, please speak to Audrey Naden.

St Cuthbert's Playgroup:

Spread the news! Playgroup every Monday at 10am. Contact Caroline Day for more information. Booking is required. youthstcuthberts@gmail.com. If you would like to help in any way at the Playgroup, please contact Caroline Daye. Tel: 07738 811416.

Preserves for Charity:

Ross will recommence selling his homemade produce today and thereafter on the last Sunday of each month.

St. Salvador's Food Bank:

Nicki is collecting to support Andrew Bain in this project. Please drop off non-perishable food into the Rectory Porch or leave in church. Thank you.

Wednesday Service:

You are invited to join us for a short service of Holy Communion, followed by refreshments (when allowed). Every Wednesday morning at 10.30am. Booking to attend is not required for this service.

Pew News:

Please remember – The Pew News is Your News. If you would like to share any news, to be included in the pew notices, and on our website, please just email stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

St Cuthbert's ECO Team:

The church ECO group has produced a questionnaire to gather information about the carbon footprint and lifestyle of members of the congregation. This will help us to meet the criteria for the Eco Congregation Silver award.



The questionnaires are now available at the back of the church. It can be anonymous so please take a copy and fill it in and return to church, Julia or Bev by the end of March. Many Thanks.

Holy Trinity Foodbank:

I was pleased to be able to transfer £250 to this foodbank from the donations given by members of the congregation. Patricia and I will be collecting again at the beginning of March if anyone would like to give us cash. Thank you to all who continue to support this foodbank.

Susan Clark

St. Cuthbert's Badminton Club:

Once called the 'Senior' Badminton Club, to identify it from that run by the Youth Fellowship, the club is back up and functioning. We meet to play on Monday evenings at 8pm in the Church Hall. In existence from about 1946, the club is non-competitive and open to those over 18. We currently have vacancies for new members. For more details, contact Barry Tatlock (444 2919) or Archie Clark (449 4703).

Archie Clark

Weekly Prayer:

Dear Lord, help us to heed your call to turn to you when we need support or comfort. May we confidently intercede for ourselves and for others, knowing that you will not let us down. It is not easy to have such faith, but hesitant though we are, if we pray humbly and earnestly and if what we pray for is your will, all will be well. Amen.

Thursday Afternoon Service

Thursday, 3rd March at 2.30pm

Please join us for this short informal service.

The theme will be **'Temptation, Prayer, Action: Following Jesus' Wilderness Journey'**



Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

Future services:
Thursday, April 7th
Thursday, May 5th

Refreshments will be served after the service

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