

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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday
19 March 2023**



*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 194 – For Mary, mother of our Lord

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.

CONFESSİON 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.

KYRIE (*Sung*)

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16.1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’ Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.’ And the LORD said, ‘Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.” Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.’ Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’ He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.’ But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.’ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the LORD chosen this one.’ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the LORD chosen this one.’ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The LORD has not chosen any of these.’ Samuel said to Jesse,

‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5.8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 195 – For the beauty of the earth

Please stand

GOSPEL: John 9.1-41

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

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some were saying, ‘It is he.’ Others were saying, ‘No, but it is someone like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’ But they kept asking him, ‘Then how were your eyes opened?’ He answered, ‘The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, “Go to Siloam and wash.” Then I went and washed and received my sight.’ They said to him, ‘Where is he?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, ‘He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.’ Some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man is not from God,

for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from,

and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord. (said)

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

Please stand to sing

Offertory Hymn 692 –

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Please remain standing

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:

(*Sung*)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, *O blessed is he*

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please sit

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 (*Sung*)

**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.

Anyone who wishes to receive communion is welcome to do so. Or, please come forward for a blessing if you prefer.

*Communion Anthem (Choir):
May the mind of Christ my Saviour – Simon Lole*

COMMUNION HYMN 499 – **Make me a channel of your peace**

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN 532 – Now thank we all our God

Please stand

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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Prelude in B Minor - JS Bach



St Cuthbert's Notes

19 March 2023



Bishop's Lent Appeal Event 2023:

An event is very kindly being arranged, in partnership with the congregation of St John's Princes Street, Edinburgh, to raise funds for the Appeal:

“Working with Mamma Roma in Antigua Street, we've put together an evening where all you need to do is turn up, enjoy a three-course meal and some wine in the company of good friends, and then go home!

The meal will be held at 7.45pm on the 29th March 2023, at Mamma Roma on Antigua Street at the top of Leith Walk. Tickets are £30*. A raffle will also be held on the night.

For further information, or to register interest, please email oscar.richard.kelly.05@aberdeen.ac.uk This year's Lent Appeal is in aid of is in support of St Nicholas' Seminary in our partner diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana. * - 50% of this amount will be directly paid over to the Lent Appeal immediately after the event – plus 100% of the raffle proceeds.”

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/2023/02/bishops-lent-appeal-2023/>

**Donations can also be made in the usual way here at
St Cuthbert's – by cash, cheque or bank transfer –
(please mark or reference clearly (BLA23) – and if paying by
cheque, make payable to St Cuthbert's SEC)**

Thank you.

**The Colinton & Merchiston Community Choir:
Spring Concert on Sunday 26 March at 7.30 pm in the
Memorial Hall, Merchiston Castle School, Colinton**

All are welcome to join us for our Spring Concert when the choir will be singing Hadyn's Little Organ Mass, Mozart's Laudate Dominum and Ave Verum Corpus, Mendelssohn's O for the Wings of a Dove and Elgar's Ave Verum Corpus. Our Conductor is Timothy Coleman, a Lay Clerk at the Cathedral, our Soloist is Rosalind Dobson, Soprano and our Organist is Morley Whitehead, who will each make individual contributions. Tickets £7.50 to defray expenses will be available at the door.

Margaret Kieran on behalf of the Choir

R&R:

R&R continues to meet weekly each Wednesday, for an hour from 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start (online). On Wednesday 29th March, we will meet face to face in church (at the same time, 7.15pm). If anyone would like to try this prayerful reflective space, please get in touch with Wendy Pearson.



Thursday Afternoon Service:

Our next Thursday service is on 6th April at the usual time of 2.30pm. The theme will be 'Maundy Thursday Reflections'. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Church Spring Clean – Saturday 8th April at 3pm:

It is time for our annual get together to clean! If you are able to join me, I would be most grateful for your help. If you are not able to do any physical work but would be happy to serve refreshments or give encouragement you would be most welcome too. Let's get our church ready for the risen Lord!

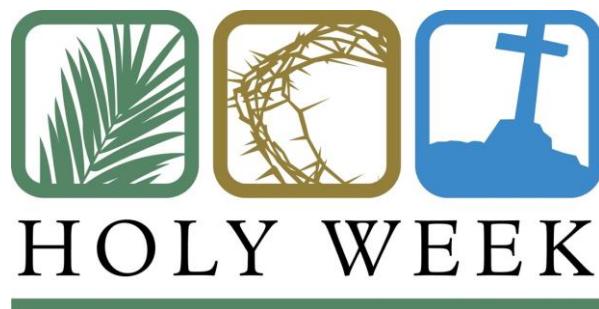
Yoghurt Pots!:

Caroline is looking for donations of small clean yoghurt pots/small seed trays/leftover seeds or small plants for the Eggcellent Adventure event on 8th April. Thank you!

A May Date for your Diary - Christian Aid Quiz Night:

Saturday 13th May – in St Cuthbert’s Church Hall.

Look out for more details in the April Issue of ‘The Sign’...



**Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th &
Wednesday 5th April -
6pm - Compline on Zoom**

Tuesday 4th & Thursday 6th April
9.15am – Morning Prayer on Zoom

Maundy Thursday 6th April
6pm - Sung Eucharist & Washing of Hands

Good Friday
Noon – 2pm
Readings, reflections & music
(Come and go quietly, as you please)

2pm – Liturgy of the Good Friday Sacrament

Please contact Nicki for the links to Zoom services.
Thank you.

Weekly Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Your beloved mother Mary set an example of faith and obedience to us all. We pray for mothers everywhere and particularly those in troubled areas like Ukraine, Russia, Turkey and Syria, where their children are in danger. Lord, hear their prayers. Amen.

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Saturday 8th April

10am - 11.30am

**Celebrate Easter at
St Cuthbert's**

Eggcellent Adventure!

Games! Crafts! Stories! Refreshments!

Contact Caroline Daye for more information or to book a place on
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