

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

**Passion Sunday
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
26 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 437 – Lift high the Cross (verses 1-5 only)

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.

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, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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: Ezekiel 37.1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus

says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8.6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 743 – There is a Redeemer

Please stand

GOSPEL: John 11.1-45

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.'

Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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 729 – The royal banners forward go

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): Ave verum corpus - Mozart

COMMUNION HYMN 413 – Just as I am, without one plea

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN 627 – Praise to the Holiest in the height

Please stand

BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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: Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ”
- JS Bach*

St Cuthbert's Notes

26 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 this evening, Sunday 26 March at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Merchiston Castle School, Colinton

All are welcome to join us this evening 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.



Book Sale:

The monthly Book Sale will take place after the 10.30am service on Sunday 2 April. There is wide selection of fiction and non fiction books. All donations will go to church funds. Any excess books will be given to the Christian Aid book sale.

Thank you to all those who have donated books for the sale. Currently we have sufficient supply and we shall let you know when we need to restock.

Thank you.

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! *Nicki*

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'...





HOLY WEEK

**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:

Almighty and everlasting God, on this Passion Sunday, we are mindful both of our Lord's power to regenerate and of the suffering he underwent to become the source of salvation for us sinners. He was your obedient son, who knew his hour had come. Help us to do your will, inspired by the holy spirit, your powerful legacy to us after Christ's death. Amen.



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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