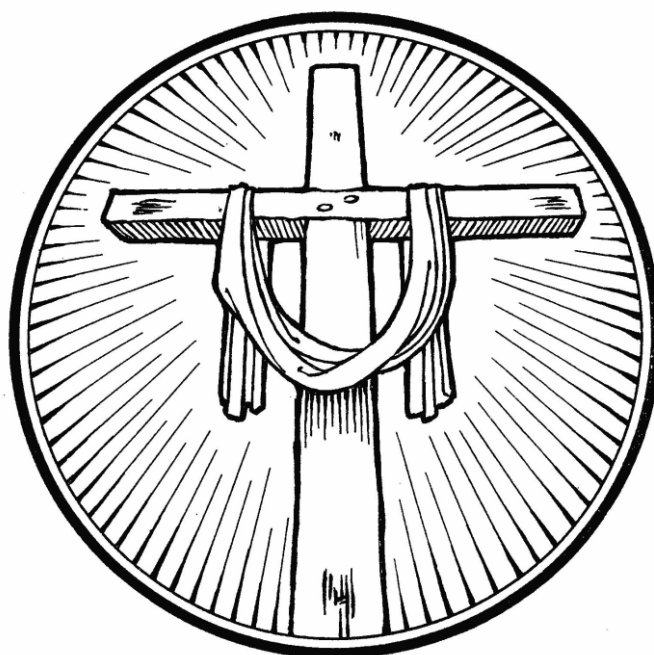




*Living out faith in our community
through prayer, reflection and action*

Celebrating Communion



Season of Easter
(Scottish Liturgy 1982)

Sixth Sunday of Easter
5th May 2024

Scottish Episcopal Church
Diocese of Edinburgh

Welcome

Alleluia Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed Alleluia.

Opening Hymn

Hon 9

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear
Make music for thy Lord to hear
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright
That givest man both warmth and light

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way
O praise Him! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow
Let them His glory also show

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father,
Praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

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 & Absolution

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**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 his Spirit,
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.

voice

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to God's

peo - ple on earth. Lord, God, Hea - ven - ly King, Al -

migh - ty God and Fa - ther, We wor - ship you we give you

thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry Lord Je - sus Christ,

On - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God Lamb of God You take a -

way the sin of the world have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed

at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer For You a -

lone are the Ho - ly One You a - lone are the Lord

You a - lone are the most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spi - rit, in the glor - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - - - - - men.

Collect Fifth Sunday of Easter

O God, who alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people give us grace to love the things you command, and to desire the things you promise; that, amid the uncertain changes of this world, our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: we listen and respond to God

New Testament Reading Acts 8: 26-40 read by Elizabeth Moir

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22, 24-30 led by Elizabeth Moir

²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵**From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

²⁹**To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.**

³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

New Testament Reading 1 John 4: 7-21, read by Elizabeth Moir

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gradual Hymn

CG79

Lord, You have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones
You only asked me to follow humbly

*O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
kindly smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas*

You know so well my possessions
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
but nets and fishes – my daily labour

*O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
kindly smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas*

You need my hands full of caring
Through my labours to give others rest
And constant love that keeps on loving

*O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
kindly smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas*

You, who have fished other oceans
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting
My loving friend, as thus You call me

*O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
kindly smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas*

Gospel John 15: 1-8 read by Felicity Murdanaigum

When announced: **Alleulia x8 (CG5)**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

At end: Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Alleulia x8 (CG5)

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.**

**With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions Felicity Murdanaigum

Peace

We meet in Christ's name

Let us share his peace

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn

Hon 67

**Bread of Heav'n, on Thee we feed,
For Thy flesh is meat indeed:
Ever may our souls be fed
With this true and living Bread;
Day by day with strength supplied,
Through the life of Him who died.**

**Vine of Heav'n, Thy blood supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice,
Lord, Thy wounds our healing give,
To Thy cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be
Grafted, rooted, built in Thee.**

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have ourselves to offer, fruit of the womb and formed by your love: blessed and broken, we will become the Body of Christ.

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, Author of all being,
Your power sustains, your love restores our broken world.
You are unceasingly at work,
from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope.
He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin
and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,

freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life,
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.**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,
for by the Cross eternal life is ours
and death is swallowed up in victory.

In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the garden the mystery dawned
that he whom they had loved and lost
is with us now in every place forever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishermen on the shore,
your Son, Jesus Christ,
renewed the promise of his presence
and of new birth in the Spirit
who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which slaves walked free,
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, Martin
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.

The Lord's Prayer.

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not bring us to the time of trial,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

Invitation and the Sharing of Communion

Communion is shared around the altar. All are warmly invited to receive bread and wine. Alternatively, if you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate this by carrying this booklet.

Sentence

Give thanks to our gracious God,

whose mercy endures for ever.

Post Communion Prayer.

One of the following is said:

- (a) **Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body,
we have tasted the wine of his new life.
We thank you for these gifts**

by which we are made one in him
and drawn into that new creation which is your will for
all;
through him who died for us and rose again,
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(b) 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.

(c) Father of all, we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Junior Church Presentation (*if meeting*)

Notices

Final Hymn

Hon 321

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
2.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.
3. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
4.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
5. Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
6.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.
7. Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
8.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

THE SENDING OUT

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary.

*Do join us for tea or coffee at the back of the church after our service.
All are welcome.*

Notices

Diocesan BIG Day: Saturday 11th May

People from across Edinburgh Diocese are coming together at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 11th May for our 2024 BIG Day. This year, our theme is "Let Us Pray!" and aspires to have something for everyone to grow in their prayer life. Attendees can arrive from 10:15am to enjoy some refreshments and fellowship, with worship starting at 10:45am. There will be group sessions in the morning and afternoon, where people can explore different types of prayer or prayerful topics, including (but not limited to) Lectio Divina, imaginative prayer, the Jesus Prayer, Examen, prayer and movement, bible journalling, and the Lord's Prayer in British Sign Language. After lunch, we will be lead in Taize prayer and the day will end with sung compline. Throughout the day, individual prayer stations will be available, including the Cathedral's wildflower labyrinth, for anyone to use as they wish.

Everyone is most welcome to attend this free and family-friendly day. For catering purposes we ask that people sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church.

ECO CONGREGATION SCOTLAND ANNUAL GATHERING

Sustaining Hope Eco-Congregation Scotland Annual Gathering and Annual General Meeting: Saturday 25th May 2024 10am to 4pm

St Martin's Pilgrim Way Walk: Saturday 01 June

Accompanied by Duncan Weaver, The Pilgrim Way Chaplain, our pilgrim walk this year has the option of a longer walk of 8.5 miles from Culross to Dunfermline, or a shorter afternoon walk joining the other walkers at Cairneyhill for the remaining 3.5 mile walk into Dunfermline. There is a sheet at the back of church to sign up and to indicate if you are planning on taking a car and can offer a lift.

Faith is a Verb: Diocesan Zoom Course

The Diocesan Advisor for Christian Life, Fee Reynolds, will be offering the 2023 Lent Course as a 'Pentecost Course', for anyone across the Diocese. It will take place on Zoom on Monday evenings, starting at 6:30pm and finishing at 8pm. The first evening will be Monday 20th May and the final session on Monday 24th June. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Fee: freynolds@dioceseofedinburgh.org or 0131 346 9089.