



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

Celebrating Communion



Season of Lent

(Scottish Liturgy 1982)

Third Sunday of Lent

23rd March 2025

Scottish Episcopal Church
Diocese of Edinburgh

Lenten Chant

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.



Take, O take me as I am; — sum - mon out what I shall be; —

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me. —

Welcome

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

Opening Hymn

Hon 296

1. Let all the world
in every corner sing:
my God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world
in every corner sing:
my God and King!

2. Let all the world
in every corner sing:
my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout;
no door can keep them out,
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world
in every corner sing:
my God and King!

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.**

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind
and with all Your strength.”
The second is this:
“Love your neighbour as yourself.”
There is no other commandment greater than these.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

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.**

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison, eleison, eleison.
(Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy)

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Chris-te e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, e-le-i-son, e-le-i-son." The first system covers the first two phrases, and the second system covers the last three phrases. The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords and moving lines in the bass.

Collect of the day:

Meriful Father,
we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves:
when we are discouraged by our weakness,
give us strength to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope;
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

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55: 1-9 read by Elizabeth South

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63: 1-8 led by Elizabeth South

¹O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

³Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

⁴So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

⁵My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

⁶when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

⁸My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 10: 1- 13 read by Elizabeth Moir

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

Gradual Hymn

Hon 27

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am 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 hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

Gospel Luke 13: 1-9 read by Patrick Languille

When announced: **Praise to Christ our Saviour**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

At end: Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

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

Peace

**We meet in Christ's name
Let us share his peace**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn

Hon 312

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free
And make me pure within.

Verse 2

Lord Jesus, think on me,
With many a care opprest;
Let me Thy loving servant be
And taste Thy promised rest.

Verse 3

Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be Thou my Health and Life.

Verse 4

Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point Thou the heavenly way.

Verse 5

Lord Jesus, think on me
When flows the tempest high;
When on doth rush the enemy,
O Savior, be Thou nigh!

Verse 6

Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when the flood is past,
I may Th'eternal brightness see
And share Thy joy at last.

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own we give you.**

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,
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:

**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.**

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, 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,

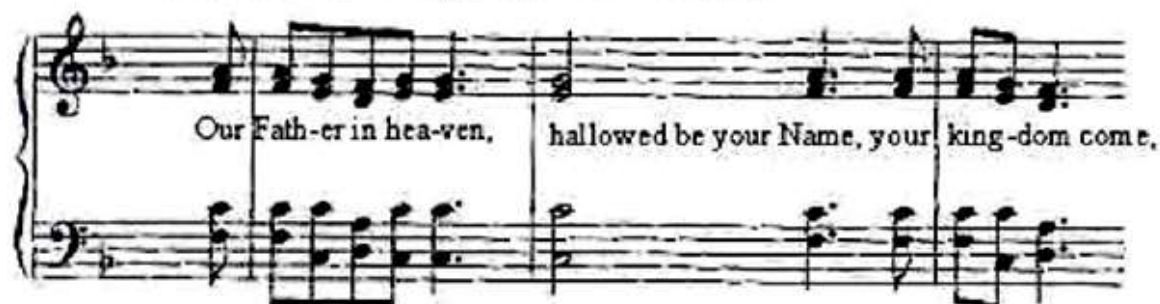
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages,
world without end. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.



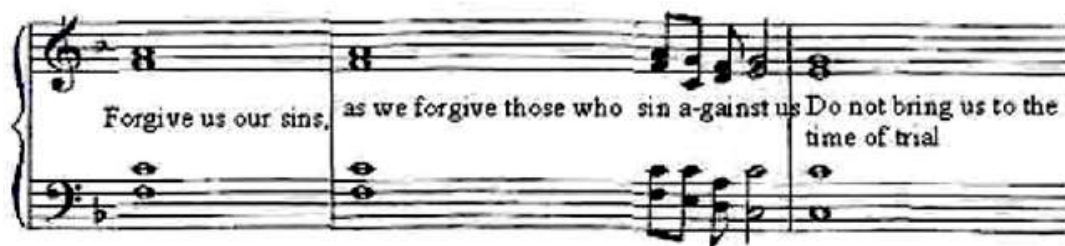
As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:



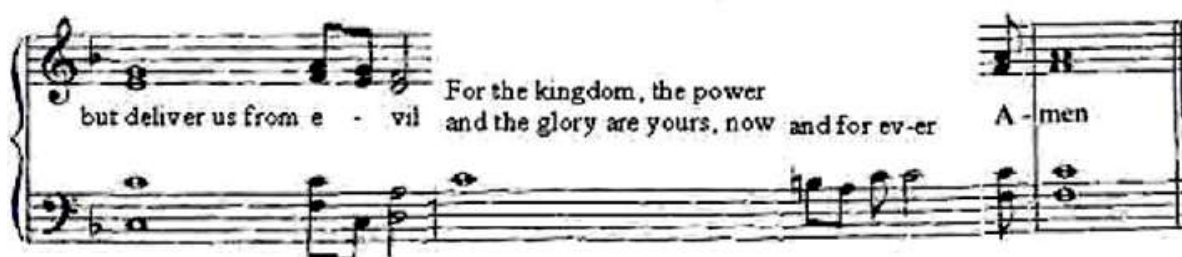
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,



Your will be done, on earth as in heaven Give us to-day our dai - ly bread



Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin a- gainst us Do not bring us to the time of trial



but deliver us from e - vil For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ev-er A - men

Agnus Dei

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 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 188

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my Strength and Shield.
Be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;

Songs of praises, Songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

THE SENDING OUT

Blessing

Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary

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

Notices

Lent Group. 1030 at Gorgie Church. We will be following the Diocesan Lent Course, *Christ Has No Body But Ours*. All Welcome. For those unable to attend, an evening group will meet at 1930 at Saltyard, led by Janet Spence (St Mary's Cathedral) and Lisa Clarke (GAPP)

This year's Bishop's Lent Appeal is for Abraham's Children in Crisis (ACIC), a small charity working in the Holy Land supporting children living in extreme poverty, sometimes without parental care, often in areas of ongoing violence. ACIC seeks to care for their education, health and welfare. It is dedicated to helping children solely on the basis of need, not the faith of the child. Donations can be left in the marked collection bowl at the back of church or via Lynn Daily

COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 12 April in St Martins, 10.30-12.30. Delicious home baking and a chance to chat with friends - please invite them to come! In aid of Eleanor's Orphanage in Liberia, which we have supported for many years. The orphanage gives care, education and training to children without any relatives to support them. **All welcome!**

Diocesan Big Day. Saturday 10 May 1030-1500. *Details to follow*

Newsletter April May Please could I have your articles by 6th April to felicitymurdanaigum@hotmail.co.uk

