



I wait for the Lord
my whole being waits,
and in His word,
I put my hope.

-Psalm 130:5

Connect News

Sunday 22nd March 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome

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

Hymn **THY HAND, O GOD HAS GUIDED** Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written, full clear on every page.
Our fathers owned Thy goodness, and we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness: One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least;
They bade them rise and hasten to share the great King's feast.
And this was all their teaching in every deed and word;
To all alike proclaiming: One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded: One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us, nor leave Thy work undone;
With Thy right hand to help us, the victory shall be won.
And then, by men and angels, Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem: One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**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, forgives us and frees us from our
sins, he heals and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie for St Mary's setting by Donald Thomson

**Lord have mercy, Kyrie eleison,
Christ have mercy, Christe eleison,
Christ have mercy, Christe eleison.
Lord have mercy, Kyrie eleison.**

Collect

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.

Reading of Psalm 130 A song of ascents.

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;
Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Hymn **BE STILL, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;**

Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Gospel Reading John 11: 17-45

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.'

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. 'The Teacher is here,' she said, 'and is asking for you.' When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied. Jesus wept.

Then 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?' Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 'Take away the stone,' he said. 'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.'

Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.' Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Hymn **WAIT FOR THE LORD,**
whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord:
be strong, take heart!

Prayers of Intercessions

The Peace

We meet in Christ name
Let us share his peace

Hymn **LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS.**
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord:

**Generous God, accept the offering of your people
for the work of your Kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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 him thanks and praise.

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 the 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 Firstborn, freely offered up 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,
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

Let us pray together as our Lord taught us to 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.

Communion Song

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us,
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace
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Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.**

Distribution

*All are welcome
to come and receive as we gather at our Lord's table*

Prayer after communion

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious
and his mercy endures forever.

**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

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

Hymn

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O God my Father,

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Please do join with us for some light refreshments and fellowship

This year's Bishop's Lent Appeal is for Aberlour Children's Charity.



**Remember to return the your Lent box
on or after Easter Sunday.**

Alternatively you can use the QR Code here to be taken to the Stewardship Page run by the Diocese to donate online
Thank You

Holy Week Services 2026

Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April

Lasswade Bonnyrigg & Rosewell

Daily Prayer Reflections Monday to Friday 9am at the Pitcairn Centre

Evening Worship 7pm

Monday 30th March	Stations of the Cross at Our Lady
Tuesday 31st March	Rosewell Church
Wednesday 1st April	Lasswade Church
Maundy Thursday	St Leonard's Church
Good Friday	Cockpen & Carrington Church

Dalkeith Area

Palm Sunday Praise	6.30pm at St John's Church
Maundy Thursday	7pm at St Mary's Dalkeith
Good Friday Walk of Witness	Commencing at 10am from St Mary's
Early Easter Sunday	7.30am in the King's Park followed by Breakfast in St John's

Entrance to Dalkeith Country Park

We have been asked to supply an updated list of all car registrations and users names of members who may require access to the church when the gates are closed. The park gates are normally open 7am to 7pm.

If you would like to be on this new list please email Fiona with your Name & Number plate ASAP!

The Estate will soon be resetting the camera system to only allow entrance to those on the new list.





Bluebell Walk & Lunch

Join us for a leisurely walk around the forest of Dalkeith Country Park on Friday 24th April.

We depart from St Mary's at 11am making our way through the estate working towards enjoying lunch at the Restoration Yard around 12.30pm

You can join us for the walk, the walk and lunch or just pop in for lunch
SIGN UP TODAY



Explore the Easter Story

at Messy Church
Saturday 28th March
4—6pm



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