

ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



Choir Celebration Service

Order of Service

25th of May 2025

10:30am

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Good morning and welcome to everyone who has joined us at St. Ninian's this morning. We hope you will enjoy our worship of God together today. As a congregation our mission is to **'Worship God together, encourage personal faith and prayer, spread the Good News about Jesus Christ, and love and care for others in our community.'** If you are a visitor, there is a **visitors' book** at the front door, please sign it.

This is the season of **Easter tide**. Easter Sunday is only the first of 50 days (7 Sundays) of **Easter tide** that lead to Pentecost (this year on the 8th of June). Eastertide is a season of extended celebration exploring the ramifications of Jesus' resurrection for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

Before the service there is weekly a **Prayer Group** that meets in Room 6 (the Alpha Room) from 10:00am – 10:15am. Everyone is welcome, please ask a steward for Room 6, the Alpha Room.

During the service, we celebrate the ministry of **St. Ninian's choir**. The choir rehearses weekly on a Thursday evening between September & May. It supports worship through congregational singing, anthems, and introits. This morning, we say thank you to choir members and to Anne, our choir leader and organist, for their contributions and hard work over the past year.

There is a **crèche** and both a primary and secondary **Sunday School** this morning. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. Leading worship is the **Rev. James Aitken** and **Penni Brown**, our ministry student. The reader is **Jim Hunter**.

Following worship there is **fellowship, friendship, and refreshments** in the Martin Shields' Hall. Please join us.

St. Ninian's uses the Revised Common Lectionary which is an approved week-by-week three-year cycle of biblical readings. In 2025 we are in Year C and the principal Gospel readings come from the **Gospel of Luke**. The readings lead us from Advent through the Christian year, the Bible, and Jesus' life through birth, baptism, his public ministry, his death, resurrection and ascension.

ENTRANCE

The service begins with a **sentence from the Bible** (Psalm 67: 3 – 4), a **call to stand** (please do so if you are able to), an **introit** from the choir, and the **entrance of the Bible**. For the rest of the service the words in bold are read or sung by everyone. We sit to pray and stand to sing.

INTROIT

WELCOME, INTIMATIONS and SHARING OF THE PEACE

We welcome one another with Christ's words 'Peace be with you'.

APPROACH TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator God, we come to you this morning
with all our musings and meditations, ready to glimpse your glory.

**All: May we meditate on your Grace
and be motivated by your Holy Spirit**

Leader: Prince of Peace, we bring you our time this morning,
to sit in your presence in contemplation.

**All: May we contemplate your Kindness
and be strengthened by your Joy**

Leader: Spirit of Truth, we bring you our weariness
and our worries this morning

**All: May we rest in your presence
and experience your light piercing our darkness.**

HYMN 160 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

We continue our worship celebrating what God has given us while apologizing for what we have done to harm God, his creation, and his people.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Acts 16: 9 – 15

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN We sing of loyal Lydia (Tune: 291, Kingsfold)

We sing of loyal Lydia
who dealt in purple dye,
a woman Paul and Silas found
at prayer in Philippi.
Her heart was warmed when she heard Paul
relate God's love for all.
She and her household were baptized.
They answered God's clear call.

This widow tested culture's rules
by opening her home
to Paul and those who came to hear
how they such faith could own.
When Paul and Silas were in jail,
she suffered deep despair.
Yet when the jailer was transformed,
she knew God answered prayer.

When her friends moved from Philippi,
they left believers blessed.
And Lydia helped the church to grow
as they their faith confessed.
May we today our witness share
that other hearts be stirred.
Let us take courage as we dare
to daily live God's word.

Children leave for Sunday School. Visiting children are welcome to join in.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHOIR

CHOIR

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Dear Lord and Father		Parry
Kyrie	The Armed Man	Karl Jenkins
Sanctus	The Armed Man	Karl Jenkins
Laudamus Te	Gloria	Karl Jenkins
Cast Thy Burden	Elijah	Medelssohn
Exultate		Brian Lewis
You Raise Me Up		Lovland & Graham
Gloria	Gloria	Vivaldi

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Freely given, our offering supports the work of Christ's church and symbolises our spiritual dedication to the building-up of the Kingdom of God. We remain seated to sing our dedication (**CH4 417**) -*

**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been
love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

We give thanks for our blessings, and cry out for help for others and ourselves. During the prayers this response is used periodically:

Minister: Lord, through your love,
Congregation: raise us to new life.

SENDING OUT

HYMN 429 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**