



# THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

### SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2026 • 10.30AM

*Founded in God's love. Serving at the heart of Dunfermline. Welcoming friend and stranger in worship and community.*

## Welcome to the Abbey Church of Dunfermline

We are pleased that you have joined us for worship either in the church building or in your own space.

- An offertory plate was available on entry to worship this morning, along with the contactless giving terminal. Donations can also be made on our website donation page, [https://dunfermlineabbey.com/wwp/?page\\_id=10345](https://dunfermlineabbey.com/wwp/?page_id=10345). Or you can simply use your mobile and text LNBW01 to 70970 to give £5.
- The service is streamed YouTube. Please be aware that you may be caught on camera, although they are focussed on the minister, choir, or reader, and those who are taking part in the service.
- The Wiggly Table, for those who like to do while they listen, is on the south side of the church. There are usually craft activities, puzzle sheets, books and toys for smaller people.
- Wherever there is **Bold print**, please be **Bold** and join in.

## Preparation for Worship

There is a secret place. A radiant sanctuary. As real as your own kitchen. More real than that. Constructed of the purest elements. Overflowing with the ten thousand beautiful things. Worlds within worlds. Forests, rivers. Velvet coverlets thrown over featherbeds, fountains bubbling beneath a canopy of stars. Bountiful forests, universal libraries. A wine cellar offering an intoxication so sweet you will never be sober again. A clarity so complete you will never again forget.

This magnificent refuge is inside you. Enter. ... Put away the incense and forget the incantations they taught you. Ask no permission from the authorities. Slip away. Close your eyes and follow your breath to the still place that leads to the invisible path that leads you home.

Mirabai Starr

# Order of Worship

**Prelude**                      Chant de Mai    *J Jongen*

**Introit**                      O come ye servants of the Lord    *C Tye*

## **Call to Worship**

**Hymn No 129 (Church Triumphant)**                      *“The Lord is King! lift up your voice”*

## **Welcome & Intimations**

## **Prayer of Approach & Confession**

**O Lord our God,  
You call us to work for a world  
where all will be fed and have dignity,  
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.  
You call us to seek justice and peace,  
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.  
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,  
but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.  
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,  
so that all may know your justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour. Amen**

## **Words of Assurance**

## **Time to Talk**

**Hymn No 257 (Vienen Con Allegra)**  
*“Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together”*

**A reading from the New Testament**    1 Peter 2: 2-10  
p230 (NT Section)

**Anthem**                      O for a closer walk with God    *CV Stanford*

**A reading from the Gospels**    John 14: 1-14  
p105 (NT Section)

**Hymn No 642 (Abbots Leigh)**    *“Ye that know the Lord is gracious”*

## **Sermon**

## Music for Reflection

Fidelis (from Four Extemporisations)

*P Whitlock*

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which 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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever. Amen.**

Hymn No 416 (Truro)

*"Christ is alive! Let Christians sing"*

## Benediction & Choral Amen

### Organ Postlude

Fanfare (from Four Extemporisations)

*Whitlock*

Tea and Coffee are available after the service in the church. All are welcome to head over to the table next to the Tiffany Window.

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## Intimations

### Services Next Week:

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

No Midweek Prayers this week

10.30am Morning Worship

*The annual Muster of the Airborne Alliance*

*Guest Preacher: Rev Dr Karen K Campbell, National*

*Chaplain of Royal British Legion Scotland*

*Next Sunday, the offering will be uplifted during the service and there will be a retiring collection for the Airborne Alliance. On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid.*

**Minister's Day Off:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

The **Church Office** will be closed tomorrow, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May. It is usually open on 9.30am – 11.30am on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Leeza Clark can be contacted either by phone, 01383 723005, or by email, [dunfermline.abbey.church@gmail.com](mailto:dunfermline.abbey.church@gmail.com)

**Christian Aid Week** is from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Our Christian Aid Service will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May and there will be a retiring collection for the charity that morning.

The **Men's Club** will meet at 9.30am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

**Ladies Forum** will meet on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in the Church Halls when guest speaker Lynne Stevenson will talk about cruise ships.

**Soup@12:** Tasty homemade soup, crusty bread, a biscuit, tea and coffee are on offer for £4 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 12 noon to 1.30pm in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

A **Christian Aid** book sale will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> May and 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 in Edinburgh New Town Church, 13 George Street, Edinburgh.

A **charity concert** in aid of Christian Aid is taking place in St Leonard's Church on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm to which everyone is invited. A suggested donation of £10 at the door includes refreshments at interval. This evening of musical entertainment will feature The Queen Anne Singers, led by Nancy Crook, plus the school choirs from both St Leonard's and St Margaret's RC Primaries.

**The Auld Toon 10K Run – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Those who have been reading their Dunfermline Press will know that this race has returned. It takes place around the historic quarter and because of that access to the Abbey Church will be difficult that morning. Our church service will be at 2pm and be a celebration of the race. We are invited to share worship with St Leonard's at 10.15am in the morning.

Throughout the day there will be a church stall in Pittencrieff Park with details of our health and well-being activities and children's activities. If you would like to be part of a rota for the stall, please be in touch with MaryAnn.

Intimations and church notices should be with in the office account by 9.30am on Wednesday.

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