



# THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 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/www/?page\\_id=10345](https://dunfermlineabbey.com/www/?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.
- Wherever there is **Bold print**, please be **Bold** and join in.

## Preparation for Worship

Perhaps I am stronger than I think.

Perhaps I am even afraid of my strength, and turn it against myself, thus making myself weak. Making myself secure. Making myself guilty.

Perhaps I am most afraid of the strength of God in me. Perhaps I would rather be guilty and weak in myself than strong in God whom I cannot know.

Thomas Merton, *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*

## Order of Worship

*We welcome the Rev Christine Sime to lead us in worship this morning.*

<b>Preludes</b>	Chanson de matin Elegy op. 58	<i>Elgar</i> <i>Elgar</i>
<b>Introit</b>	Ave verum corpus	<i>Elgar</i>

## Call to Worship

God, we come to praise you

**Fill us with joy as we worship.**

Lord Jesus, we listen for your word to us

**Draw us close to hear you through the noise of the world.**

Holy Spirit, we seek your guidance

**Set our feet on your path, set our hearts and minds on your way.**

**Hymn GWA 202 (Ellacombe)**

*“God may our church reflect your grace”*

1. God, may our church reflect your grace to all who enter here.  
May we extend a wide embrace, a welcome that's sincere.  
May our inclusion be as broad as your compassion's scope.  
For we would be your people, God, a home, a help, a hope!
2. Here in this space each child is free to move, explore, and speak.  
There's room to question and agree, to grieve, to laugh, to seek.  
That we, by grace may share your love across each deep divide  
with hearts as gentle as a dove, O Spirit, be our guide!
3. Like Christ, with arms outstretched to all, help us to live each day,  
to build a bridge and not a wall at church, at work, at play.  
May justice lead us as we go, embracing what is right,  
reflecting grace, that we may show your glory burning bright.

Ruth Duck (b 1947)

## **Welcome & Intimations**

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Time to Talk**

**Hymn No 722 (Leaving Lismore)**

*“Spirit of God, unseen as the wind”*

**A reading from the Gospels**

John 7: 25-44

p96 (NT Section)

**Anthem**

Behold the tabernacle of God

*WH Harris*

**A reading from the New Testament**

2 Timothy 1: 3-7

p209 (NT Section)

**Hymn No 593 (Thainaky)**

*“She sits like a bird”*

### **Sermon**

**Music for Reflection** Prelude in G

*Harris*

*During which the Offering is brought to the Communion Table*

### **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 GWA 224 (Lewis Folk Melody)

1. Sing a new world into being  
Sound a bold and hopeful  
theme.  
Find a tune for silent yearnings.  
Lend your voice and dare to  
dream:  
dream a church where all who  
worship  
find their lives and love belong.  
Sing a new world into being.  
Sing as Christ inspires your  
song.
2. Sing a new world into being  
where each gender, class, and  
race  
brings its rainbow gifts and  
colours  
to God's limitless embrace;  
where the lines that once  
divided  
form instead the ties that bind.  
Sing a new song into being:

## *"Sing a new world into being"*

- risk transforming heart and  
mind.
3. Sing a new song into being  
where the homeless find a  
home,  
where no children ever hunger  
but are filled with God's shalom;  
where all people work for  
justice,  
where all hate and vengeance  
cease.  
Sing a new song into being:  
raise the harmonies of peace.
  4. Sing a new song into being.  
Join the ancient prophets' cry  
for a time of health and plenty  
when all tears have been wiped  
dry;  
when compassion flows like  
waters,  
pouring balm for all who grieve.  
Sing a new song into being:  
live the promise you believe.

Mary Louise Bringle (b1953)

## Benediction & Choral Amen

**Organ Postlude**      Pomp and Circumstance March no. 4 in G      *Elgar*

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## Intimations

### Next Week:

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June      10.30am Morning Worship

*Celebration of Children's, Youth and Families Activities. Please invite those you know who have been at activities and events to come along*

**Minister's Day Off:**      Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

The **Church Office** is 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)

The next **Heart for Art** run by CrossReach session is tomorrow, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. It also offers the Playlist for Life Help Point from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The **Abbey Men's Walking Group** will next meet on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 10.30am (starting from the top of the steps at the West Door of the Abbey). Further information can be obtained from [dunfermlineabbeymwg@gmail.com](mailto:dunfermlineabbeymwg@gmail.com).

**Labour of Love** meets from 2pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June in the church halls. All are welcome.

**Bereavement Support Group** meets on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 11am to 12.30pm in the church hall. The group is open to anyone who has been bereaved, whether or not they are a member of the church. It offers an opportunity for mutual support over a cup of tea or coffee.

The annual **Abbey Quaich** golf tournament will be played this year on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at Canmore golf club, starting at 1pm. The day consists of a round of golf followed by a two-course dinner. It is a Stableford competition. This year we are extending an invitation to include any lady golfers who would like to play. The cost is expected to be around £35. This has always been a really enjoyable day so come and be part of it, regardless of your ability. Please contact Fergus Duncan to put your name down, either by email or phone, [fid@tighnacoille.co.uk](mailto:fid@tighnacoille.co.uk) or 07768 873550.

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

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