



Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday 23rd March 2025 at 11.15am

Minister: The Rev Scott Rennie MA BD STM FRSA
The lessons are read by David Kiltie

Prove your repentance by the fruit you bear. *St Luke 3:8*

*Living Mystery, whose way is not ours, whose name cannot be bought or sold:
lead us from justice without compassion and sacrifice without mercy to a love
which nurtures and a grace without price; through Jesus Christ, the true Bread.
Amen.*

** Indicates where those who are able should stand*

A warm welcome to worship at Crown Court Church of Scotland –
'The Kirk of the Crown of Scotland.' Whether you are visiting for the first time or are with us occasionally or often - we are delighted to be able to welcome you today in person or online.

We regularly stream our services. The camera will mainly be focused on the minister and the front of the sanctuary. However, should you wish to ensure you are not included in the livestream, please may we ask that you sit to the rear of the sanctuary by the stained-glass windows.

VOLUNTARY

INTROIT *Almighty and everlasting God*

Orlando Gibbons

***HYMN 482 Come let us to the Lord our God**

KILMARNOCK

CALL TO PRAYER

M: Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters!

P: **Our souls thirst for the living God.**

M: Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while He is near.

P: **We turn our hearts to the Lord, for His mercy is great.**

M: God's ways are higher than our ways,
and God's thoughts higher than our thoughts.

P: **We trust in the Lord, who is gracious and full of compassion.**

PRAYERS including a Kyrie sung by the choir

And we pray together:

**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,
the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.**

WELCOME

SHARING THE PEACE

We share the peace by saying to our neighbours,
'Peace be with you' and exchanging a handshake or a hug.

***HYMN 43 O God you are my God alone**

RESIGNATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 55:1-9 (p.742)

ANTHEM *Salve Regina*

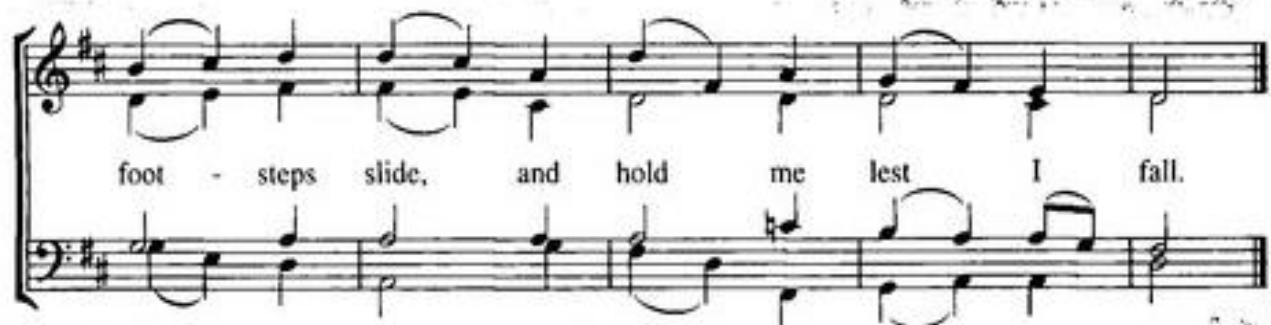
Philip Cooke

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 13:1-9 (p.1046)

SERMON

* HYMN Be thou my guardian and my guide

ABRIDGE CM



2. The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quick'ner of the dead.

3. And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

4. Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

As the Offering is brought forward the congregation stand and sing the doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love,
before, beneath, around, above.**

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

M: Lord, in your love and mercy,
P: hear us and help us.

***HYMN 490 Jesus lover of my soul**

ABERYSTWYTH

*** THE BLESSING & SENDING**

*** SUNG AMEN (Hymn 819)**

POSTLUDE

*We offer a warm welcome to any visitors. Please join us for tea and coffee
in the Hall downstairs after the service. You will be very welcome.*

*Remember to take your Order of Service with you to stay up to date with all the
events taking place at Crown Court Church.*

INTIMATIONS:

Sunday 30 March

Sunday Worship service at 11.15am with Rev Scott Rennie.

Wednesday 2 April

The Guild meets for a packed lunch at 12.15pm in the hall. The meeting begins at 1pm.

Sunday 6 April

Sunday worship service at 11.15am with Rev Scott Rennie.

Congregational Meeting following the Sunday worship service.

Sunday 13 April

Sunday Worship service at 11.15am with Rev Scott Rennie.

The Annual Business Meeting at 12.45pm in the hall.

Congregational Meeting

After the Sunday morning worship service on 6 April, a congregational meeting will be held on behalf of the Futures Committee.

Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting (ABM) is scheduled for Sunday 13 April 12:45 PM. For more information please contact the Session Clerk.

Photography

Over the next few weeks we will be taking some photographs in the sanctuary in order to update our social media platforms. If you do not wish to be in any of the photographs please do let a member of the duty team know.

Can you help us?

We are looking for people to join the duty teams.

Duty is once a month, ideally arriving at church for 10:30am, put orders of services into hymn books which you would hand out or standing at the door welcoming people in. Assisting in taking the offering with the other team members. After the service helping to tidy the church before heading to coffee or home. If you think you can help, please speak to either the Session Clerk or the Minister.

St Andrew's Book Festival

SAVE THE DATE – Scots in London is delighted to announce that the St Andrew's Book Festival is returning to central London 27 – 30 November 2025. Get ready to engage with some of the biggest names in Scottish literature. Sign up to hear all the latest festival news at www.standrewsbookfestival.org

Church Email

If you would like to receive our weekly church email, please contact the church administrator at office@crowncourtchurch.org.uk.

Donations under the Gift Aid Scheme

Visitors who are UK taxpayers are invited to make use of the yellow Gift Aid envelopes which are available both in the pews and at the back of the church. Completed envelopes may be placed in the offering plate.

Prayers & Pastoral Support

The Pastoral Care Team often remember people in the congregation in their prayers. If you have any requests for prayers for yourself or someone you know who is ill or bereaved or may simply have a situation in which they would welcome being remembered in prayer, then please contact Rev Scott Rennie.

If you require support, please contact the Pastoral Care Group via the minister – all information is kept confidential.

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