



CROWN COURT  
**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
COVENT GARDEN

**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**Seachdain na Gàidhlig / World Gaelic Week**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 at 11.15am**  
**Holy Communion**

Minister: The Rev Alistair Cumming  
The lessons are read by Rachel Geddes,  
Geordie Fergusson and Fergus Reoch

**Let your face shine on your servants; save us in your unfailing love.**

Psalm 31:1b

*Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up in joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we,  
walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and  
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

\* Indicates where those who are able should stand

## **VOLUNTARY**

## **WELCOME**

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.*

**INTROIT** Psalm 65:1 to the tune French, arr. Joseph Mainzer

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be Glad in it

*Is e seo an là a rinn an Tighearna; dèanamaid gàirdeachas, agus bitheamaid aìt air*

\* **HYMN 81 (Psalm 121) I to the Hills will lift my eyes**

*We will sing this hymn twice. The first time will be unaccompanied in Gaelic following the tune of Stornoway. For the second rendition, it will be sung in English to the tune Dundee as indicated in the hymnal.*

**1 Mo shùilean togam suas a chum  
nam beann, on tig mo neart.**

**2 On Dia rinn talamh agus nèamh,  
tha m' fhurtachd uile teachd.**

**3 Cha leig dod chois air chor a bhith  
gun sleamhnaich i gu bràth;  
Tàmh-neul cha tig sin air an neach  
's fear-coimhid ort a-ghnàth.**

## PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

\* **HYMN 123 God is love, let heaven adore him**

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SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 12: 1-4 (p. 13)

1 Agus thubhairt an Tighearna ri Abram, Rach a-mach as do dhùthaich, agus od dhìlsean, agus à taigh d'athar, don tìr a nochdas mise dhut.

2 Agus nì mi thu ad chinneach mòr, agus beannaichidh mi thu, agus nì mi d'ainm mòr: agus bidh tu ad bheannachadh.

3 Agus beannaichidh mi iadsan a bheannaicheas thu, agus iadsan a mhallaicheas thu mallaichidh mi; agus annadsa beannaichear uile theaghlaichean na talmhainn.

4 Agus dh'imich Abram, mar a labhair an Tighearna ris; agus chaidh Lot maille ris: agus bha Abram còig-bliadhna-deug agus trì-fichead a dh'aois nuair a chaidh e a-mach à Hàran.

**ANTHEM** Athchuinge, arr. Iain MacDonald

SCRIPTURE READING: John 3: 1-17 (pp. 1065-1066)

\* **HYMN 600 Spirit of God unseen as the wind**

SKYE BOAT SONG

SERMON

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### \* HYMN 19 (Psalm 24) Ye gates lift up your head on high

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## INVITATION

## NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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| M: The Lord be with you.   | M: Gum biodh an Tighearna maille ruibh   |
| P: And also with you.  | <b>P: Agus leatsa cuideachd.</b>   |
| M: Lift up your hearts.  | M: Togaibh a-suas bhur cridheachan.  |
| P: We lift them to the Lord.   | <b>P: Tha sinn gan togail ris an Tighearna.</b>  |
| M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.   | M: Thoireamaid buidheachas don Tighearna ar Dia.   |
| P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.  | <b>P: Tha e ceart buidheachas agus cliù a thoirt dhà.</b>  |
| P: Holy, holy, holy Lord,<br>God of power and might,<br>heaven and earth are full<br>of your glory.<br>Hosanna in the highest.<br>Blessed is he who comes<br>in the name of the Lord.<br>Hosanna in the highest. | <b>P: Is naomh, naomh, naomh an Tighearna,<br/>Dia an neirt agus a' chumhachd,<br/>tha nèamh agus talamh<br/>làn ded ghlòir.<br/>Hosanna anns na h-àrdan.<br/>Beannaichte gun robh a Tì a<br/>thig ann an ainm an Tighearna.<br/>Hosanna anns na h-àrdan</b> |

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.

P: Ar n-Athair  
a tha air nèamh,  
gu naomhaichear d'ainm.  
Thigeadh do rioghachd.  
Gun dèanar do thoil air thalamh,  
mar a nithear air nèamh.  
Tabhair dhuinn an-diugh ar n-aran  
làitheil.  
Agus maith dhuinn ar fiachan,  
mar a mhaitheas sinne dar luchd-fiach.  
Agus na leig ann an  
buaireadh sinn;  
Ach saor sinn on olc:  
Oir is leatsa an rìoghachd,  
agus an cumhachd, Agus a' ghlòir gu  
sìorraidh.  
Amen.

## BREAKING OF BREAD

M: Jesus, Lamb of God

P: Have mercy on us.

M: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

P: Have mercy on us.

M: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

P: Grant us peace

M: Ìosa, Uain Dhè,

P: **Dean tròcair oirnn.**

M: Ìosa, Fhir-giùlain ar peacaidhean,

P: **Dean tròcair oirnn.**

M: Ìosa, Fhir-saoraidh an t-saoghail,

P: **deònaich dhuinn sìth.**

## COMMUNION

ANTHEM *A Gaelic Blessing*

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**\*HYMN 512 To God be the Glory**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**\* THE BLESSING & SENDING**

**\* SUNG AMEN (Hymn 819)**

## POSTLUDE

*Please stand as the elements are processed from the sanctuary.*

*All are welcome to join us for tea and coffee in the Hall downstairs after the service.*

*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:

### **Wednesday 4 March**

The Guild meets for a packed lunch at 12.15pm with the talk beginning at 1pm.

### **Sunday 8 March**

Sunday morning worship service at 11.15am with Rev Alistair Cumming.

Gaelic Spiritual Song Tradition at 1.30pm in the hall.

Gaelic Service at 3pm in the Church.

### **Saturday 14 March**

The Rambling and Social Club meeting at 6.30pm in the hall.

## **Church Email**

If you would like to receive our weekly church email, please contact the church administrator at [office@crowncourtchurch.org.uk](mailto: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**

If you require pastoral support, please contact your Elder in the first instance. For longer term support, please contact the Pastoral Care Team either by phoning the church office on 020 7836 5643 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am-2.00pm) or by emailing [clerk@crowncourtchurch.org.uk](mailto:clerk@crowncourtchurch.org.uk). All information is kept completely confidential.

## **Can you help us fundraise?**

In March, the Futures Committee and Stewardship and Finance Committees will begin fundraising to raise the remaining £500,000 we need for our upcoming building project. We have been supported so far by an excellent fundraising consultant, and we're now ready to start preparing grant applications and planning our public fundraising campaign. We are now looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our fundraising working group

The working group will be responsible for many different tasks, which will be shared out across the group according to availability and skillset. You could get involved in: proof-reading and formatting written materials for trusts; brainstorming and executing fundraising events; networking with Scottish organisations in London and further afield; maintaining accurate financial records of grants/funds received; sharing the fundraising campaign through print and digital marketing - and more!

If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Mary-Jannet Leith or Valerie Lowe at church on a Sunday, or email: [Fundraisingcrowncourtchurch2026@outlook.com](mailto:Fundraisingcrowncourtchurch2026@outlook.com)

## **Maundy Thursday Service**

Bloomsbury Baptist Church (235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8EP) will host the Maundy Thursday Service on 2 April. More details to follow shortly.

## **Duty Teams**

We are looking for people to join the 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 the Session Clerk.

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