



CROWN COURT
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
COVENT GARDEN

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3rd May 2026 at 11.15am
Holy Communion

Minister: The Rev Canon Professor Paul Middleton
The lessons are read by Elaine Close

**I shall run the course made known in your commandments, for you set
free my heart** *Psalm 119:32*

*Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly
to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we
may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

** 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** HYMN 579 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life**

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may love you completely,
and rightly magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(sung by the choir)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

O loving Christ, hanged on a tree
yet risen in the morning,
scatter the sin from our souls
as the mist from the hills;

**inspire what we do,
inform what we say,
redeem who we are.**

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and shall be for ever,
world without end. Amen.**

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Peter 2:1 – 10 (p. 1218)

ANTHEM *O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem*

Herbert Howells

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1 – 14 (p. 1082)

SERMON

*** HYMN 269 Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round**

SONG I

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

THE COMMUNION

INVITATION

* **COMMUNION HYMN 510 Jesus calls us here to meet him** LEWIS FOLK MELODY

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (Hymn 651)
(sung by the choir)

James MacMillan (ST ANNE's MASS)

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the Highest
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the Highest.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BREAKING OF BREAD

AGNUS DEI (Hymn 653)
(sung by the choir)

James MacMillan (ST ANNE's MASS)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.*

THE COMMUNION

THE PEACE

* **HYMN 416 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing**

TRURO 214

* THE BLESSING & SENDING

* **SUNG AMEN (Hymn 819)**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 333 (Nunc Dimittis) Now Lord, according to thy word**

LAND OF REST

POSTLUDE *Final from Symphony No. 1*

Louis Vierne

Please stand if you are able as the elements are carried from the church.

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 10 May

Morning Worship at 11:15 with Rev Alistair Cumming

Sunday 17 May

Morning worship at 11:15 with Matthew Gutteridge, Worship Leader & Elder

Sunday 24 May

Morning Worship at 11:15 with Sheena-Jane Clark, Session Clerk

Sunday 31 May

Morning Worship at 11:15 with Rev Canon Professor Paul Middleton.

Church Email

If you would like to receive our weekly church email, please contact the church administrator at crowncourtchurch1@outlook.com

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. All information is kept completely confidential.

Christian Aid Week: 7 Days to make a difference: 10th – 16th May 2026

This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

70K IN MAY

To celebrate Christian Aid week, I am setting myself the challenge of running 10K a day across the seven days of fundraising. I've even got the t-shirt!! If you would like to challenge yourself to running, jogging, cycling or walking 70 kilometres across the month of May to help fundraise for Christian Aid week, please get in touch with me: harry.mackrill@gmail.com

FREEDOM WALK

The Freedom Walk kicks off Christian Aid week on Saturday 9th May, starting at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Christian Aid are looking for volunteers to help along the 5k route to St Paul's. If anyone is available, please get in touch!

Come and Sing

Following the success of the Come and Sing event last autumn, Crown Court will host another workshop and informal concert Saturday, 30 May, led by Robin Walker, the new Choir Director at Crown Court Church, accompanied on the organ by Thomas Allery, Director of Music at Temple Church, London.

We will be rehearsing well-known Schubert's Mass in G in the afternoon, with a relaxed performance at 6:30pm. Tickets are free, with donations to the church welcome on the day, and light refreshments will be provided during the workshop. All are most welcome; please register your attendance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/come-and-sing-schuberts-mass-in-g-tickets-1987953548578>.

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