



CROWN COURT  
**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
COVENT GARDEN

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 at 11.15am**

Worship is led by Sheena-Jane Clark

The lessons are read by: Norma McGoldrick

**Our God is a God who saves; to the Lord God belongs all escape from death. Psalm 68:20**

*Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same 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.*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

**P:** **Lord, hear our voice.**

**L:** With the Lord there is steadfast love.

**P:** **With him is full redemption.**

**L:** Let us worship God.

\* **HYMN 88 (Psalm 130) Up from the depths I cry to God**

MACPHERSON'S RANT

## **PRAYERS OF APPROACH WITH LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

**\* HYMN 124 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation**

LOB DEN HERREN

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 130 (pp. 624-625)

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: John 11:1-45 (pp. 1077-1078)

**\* HYMN 166 Lord of hopefulness, Lord of all joy**

MINIVER

SERMON

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

**\* HYMN 543 Longing for light, we wait in darkness**

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

**\* HYMN 718 We cannot measure how you heal**

THE BANKS O' DOON

**\* THE BLESSING & SENDING**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

*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:**

**Sunday 29 March**

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

**Thursday 2 April**

Maundy Thursday Service at Bloomsbury Baptist Church at 7pm.

**Friday 3 April**

Good Friday service at 11.15am with Rev Alistair Cumming.

**Sunday 5 April**

Easter Day service with communion at 11.15am with Rev Alistair Cumming.

## **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.

## **Annual Business Meeting**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the ABM (Annual Business Meeting) will not go ahead as planned on 22 March. The meeting will now take place on Sunday 26 April at 12:45 in the church hall. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Please contact the Session Clerk if you have any queries.

## **The Guild**

Please join the Guild on Wednesday 1 April in the hall at 12.15pm for a packed lunch with the meeting starting at 1pm.

For this meeting we will be focusing on lesser-known small charities; kindly bring along details about an unknown charity that you support.

All are welcome.

## **Maundy Thursday Service**

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

The evening will begin at 7.00pm and will include a shared meal followed by communion, continuing the pattern we have used in previous years. The meal will be simple rather than elaborate, but it will be good to gather together around the table as we enter the Triduum.

Please let the Session Clerk, Sheena-Jane Clark, know if you would like to attend by emailing or ringing her by 28 March 2026.

## **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)

## Used Stamps

Please remember that you can bring your used postage stamps to Crown Court as these are useful to some charities as an income source.

There are designated boxes for the stamps on the lower shelf of the bookcase in the church hall. If possible, please separate them into UK and Overseas categories, as this would be greatly appreciated.

In recent months, we have been donating our used stamps to Mercy Ships. For more information, visit their website: <https://www.mercyships.org.uk/>.

## 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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