

Thursday 14th May 2026

Ascension Day

Crichton Collegiate Church, Pathhead, 8.00pm

*We thank the Trustees of Crichton Collegiate Church
for inviting us to lead this service.*

Introit O Lord, Give thy Holy Spirit Tallis

Opening Hymn NEH 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Collect for Ascension Day

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord.

Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson **Ephesians 1: 15-23**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 15 to 23.

¹⁵I, Paul, have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 24: 44-53

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 24, verses 44 to 53.

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

⁴⁴Then Jesus said to said to [his disciples], ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel. **Praise to Christ our Lord**

Offertory Hymn NEH 134 The head that once was crowned with thorns

Anthem O God, the King of Glory Purcell

Post Communion Prayer for Ascension

Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.
Confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Closing Hymn NEH 296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Readings for the Ascension

Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 93; *Ephesians 1: 15-23; *Luke 24: 44-53

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