

Season of Easter

26th April 2026

Led by Kate Owens & Mike Holroyd



Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship

One: As Winter sleeps and Spring awakens,

ALL: God weaves new life from death.

One: As a seed dies and a shoot is born,

ALL: God weaves new life from death.

One: As Jesus dies and Christ becomes,

ALL: God weaves new life from death.

One: Holy Source who weaves new life,

ALL: We give you thanks and praise!

Where God grows
By
Jan Richardson

Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd StF 481

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want

He makes me lie in pastures green

He leads me by the still still waters

His goodness restores my soul

And I will trust in You alone

And I will trust in You alone

For Your endless mercy follows me

Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness

And He anoints my head with oil

And my cup it overflows with joy

I feast on His pure delights

And I will trust in You alone

And I will trust in You alone

For Your endless mercy follows me

Your goodness will lead me home

And though I walk the darkest path

I will not fear the evil one

For You are with me

And Your rod and staff

Are the comfort I need to know

And I will trust in You alone

And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

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Opening Prayer with movement

ALL: The Source of Life, holds us (*hands clasped*)
The Guide of living, leads (*hands making a cross*)
The Spirit of re-birth, transforms us (*hands in butterfly*)
Holy Three-in-One, we worship you.

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus' Prayer or Lord's Prayer using the form or words which are most worshipful for us...

Source of Life,
Father and Mother of us all:
Creation honours you!
May your Realm of Justice & Joy
Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen

Time for all ages

Hymn: Lord of Life we come to you CH4 782

Lord of life we come to you
Lord of all our saviour be
Come to bless and to heal
With the light of your love.

In our days of doubt and toil
In our joy and in our pain
Guide our steps in your way
Make us one in your love.

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Readings read by Leslie Cunningham

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

John 10:1-10

10 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Reflection & Meditation by Mike Holroyd

Meditation

Prayers of the People by Laurence Wareing

Offering & Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow

Praise God all creature here below

Praise God above, You heavenly host

Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Notices

Hymn: God of freedom CH4 263

God of freedom, God of justice,

God whose love is strong as death,
Christ who saw the ark of prison,
Christ who knew the price of faith:
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirits healing breath.

Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed both tears and blood;
move in us the power of pity
to pursue the common good.

Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly Jesus' siblings
of whatever race or creed -
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 26 th Apr	11am	AUC & Online	Carol is leading and Deanna is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 26 th Apr	12 noon	Online	
Coffee Social: Come OUT with Our Tribe (LGBTQI+)	Sun 26 th Apr	1:30- 3pm	Coffee Saints Little King St, Edinburgh EH1 3AR (Opposite the side entrance of John Lewis)	Chance to meet, chat and get to know each other over a cuppa. New people always very welcome. Look out for the Rainbow flag on our table
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 29 th Apr	7.30- 8.30 pm	Online	1 Peter 2:2-10 Email centre.manager@augustin.e.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thu 30 th Apr	12- 1pm	Online	1 Peter 2:2-10 Email centre.manager@augustin.e.org.uk for the Zoom link
AUC Spring Afternoon Tea	Sat 2 nd May	2- 3:30 pm	AUC	Come along to share delicious cakes, warm drinks and sweet conversation. Please let us know if you can come for catering numbers. Contact Rachel on 0131 220 1677 or centre.manager@augustin.e.org.uk
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Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 3 rd May	12 noon	Online	

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