

Welcome to Worship

New Laigh Kirk

**A caring welcoming church at the heart
of Kilmarnock reaching out to you
with the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

Second Sunday of Easter

16th April 2023



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Welcome

A very warm welcome to worship this morning from all at New Laigh Kirk. We are delighted you are here today and hope you enjoy worshipping with us. Please make yourself known to those sitting beside you. Whether you are a guest or regular attender we invite you to find your welcome place among us, a place to belong, to join in regular worship, to join in the life of our Kirk.

Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service. Please join us for a time of friendship and conversation.

PLEASE SWITCH YOUR MOBILE PHONE TO SILENT

May God richly bless you in your worship today.

Order of Service

Call to worship

Again the morn of gladness,
The morn of light, is here,
And earth itself looks fairer,
And heaven itself more near:
The bells, like angel voices,
Speak peace to every breast;
And all the land lies quiet,
To keep the day of rest.

'Glory be to Jesus!'
Let all his children say;
'He rose again, he rose again,
On this glad day!'

Again, O loving Saviour,
The children of thy grace
Prepare themselves to seek thee
Within thy chosen place.
Our song shall rise to greet thee,
If thou our hearts wilt raise;
If thou our lips wilt open,
Our mouth shall show thy praise:

Tell out, sweet bells, his praises!
Sing, children, sing his Name!
Still louder and still farther
His mighty deeds proclaim,
Till all whom he redeemèd
Shall own him Lord and King,
Till every knee shall worship,
and every tongue shall sing.

Prayer

All age address

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Ignite for children will take place in the hall

Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 page 1217

Revelation 1:4-8 page 1233

Video Anthem

*O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love the things you love,
And do what you would do.*

*O breath on me, O Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure;
Until my will is one with yours
To do and to endure.*

*O breath on me, O Breath of God,
My will to yours incline
Until this selfish part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.*

*O breath on me, O Breath of God,
So I shall never die.
But live with You the perfect life,
For all eternity.*

Reading: St John 20:19-31 page 1089

Hymn 363

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suff'ring on the cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn —
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 609

Come, living God, when least expected,
when minds are dull and hearts are cold,
through sharpening word and warm affection
revealing truths as yet untold.

Break from the tomb in which we hide you
to speak again in startling ways;
break through the words in which we bind you
to resurrect our lifeless praise.

Come now, as once you came to Moses
within the bush alive with flame;
or to Elijah on the mountain,
by silence pressing home your claim.

So, let our minds be sharp to read you
in sight or sound or printed page,
and let us greet you in our neighbours,
in ardent youth or mellow age.

Then, through our gloom, your Son will meet us
as vivid truth and living Lord,
exploding doubt and disillusion
to scatter hope and joy abroad.

Then we will share his radiant brightness
and, blazing through the dread of night,
illuminate by love and reason,
for those in darkness, faith's delight.

Sermon

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 352

O for a thousand tongues, to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Benediction

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Church News and Activities

Music and Movement will meet on **Tuesday, 18th April at 2.00pm** in lower hall.

Pastoral Care Group will meet on **Friday, 21st April at 2.00pm** in the church.

There will be a **Songs for All concert** held in **New Laigh Kirk** on **Friday, 28th April at 7.30pm** with the opportunity to make a donation for Christian Aid and to listen to Rev Jill Clancy and her Songs for All choir. There will be a speaker from Christian Aid, Charlie Meiklejohn, with a video presentation on their work.

Volunteers are required for **Christian Aid house to house collection** during the week **14th to 20th May** in the following areas - Glasgow Road and Beansburn, Grange, Bonnyton, South Hamilton Street and Woodstock areas. If you are able to help, please speak to Graeme Johnstone or Helen Colman.

A few copies of the **Order of Service in large print** are available. Please speak to a member of the duty team if you require one.

There is an **induction loop system** for the hard of hearing.

New Laigh Kirk is open to visitors on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 12noon to 2.00pm. Volunteers are needed to help keep the church open throughout the year. If you can spare a couple of hours to maintain the rota, your contribution to this valuable ministry of our church will be much appreciated. Please give your name to Helen Colman.



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