

# Welcome to Worship

In Person and Online at

## 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

24<sup>th</sup> April 2022



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## **Welcome**

A very warm welcome to worship from all at New Laigh Kirk. We are delighted you are here today and hope you enjoy worshipping with us. We especially welcome Rev Alastair Symington who leads our worship this morning. 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.

This order of service is posted to help you with the live stream.

Please ensure you log on through the New Laigh Kirk Website <http://www.nlk.church/> and click the button watch live Sunday 11.00am.

May God richly bless you in your worship today.

## **Order of Service**

### Call to Worship

#### Hymn 425

The Saviour died, but rose again  
triumphant from the grave;  
and pleads our cause at God's right hand,  
omnipotent to save.

Who then can e'er divide us more  
from Jesus and his love,  
or break the sacred chain that binds  
the earth to heaven above?

Let troubles rise, and terrors frown,  
and days of darkness fall;  
through him all dangers we'll defy,  
and more than conquer all.

Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell,  
nor time's destroying sway,  
can e'er efface us from his heart,  
or make his love decay.

Each future period that will bless,  
as it has blessed the past:  
he loved us from the first of time,  
he loves us to the last.

Prayer

All Age Thought

Hymn 463

Fairest Lord Jesus,  
ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and Man the Son;  
thee will I cherish,  
thee will I honour,  
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and fair the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the stars that heaven can boast.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 20:7 – 12

Anthem Thomas Song

New Testament Epistle: Philippians 3:7 - 11

New Testament Gospel: St John 20: 24 - 29

Hymn 549

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the chosen One  
bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there,  
my pardon he accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life—  
I know that 'it is finished'.

I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from all of this?  
I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart,  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

Prayer of Intercession and Commemoration

## Hymn 548

Approach, my soul, the mercy-seat,  
where Jesus answers prayer;  
there humbly fall before his feet,  
for none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea;  
with this I venture nigh:  
thou callest burdened souls to thee,  
and such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,  
by Satan sorely pressed,  
by wars without and fears within,  
I come to thee for rest.

Be thou my shield and hiding-place,  
that, sheltered near thy side,  
I may my fierce accuser face,  
and tell him thou hast died.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,  
to bear the cross and shame,  
that guilty sinners, such as I,  
might plead thy gracious name!

## Sermon

### Prayer of Dedication

#### Hymn 432 (Tune – RCH 71 Angels Song)

How often we, like Thomas,  
need proof before we trust.  
Lord Jesus, friend of doubters,  
come, speak your truth to us.  
We long to feel your presence,

and gain new faith from you,  
to find, without our seeing,  
the blessing Thomas knew.

You always stand among us,  
no doors can lock you out.  
Your presence reassures us  
though we still live with doubt.  
As present-day disciples,  
whose lives by sin are flawed,  
we want to come believing,  
and cry: 'My Lord, my God!'

Benediction

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