

# Welcome to Worship

Online at

## New Laigh Kirk

A caring welcoming church at the heart  
of Kilmarnock reaching out to you

### Celebration of Holy Communion

25th April 2021

11.00am

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Organist: Martin C. Sharp



Do this in Remembrance  
of Me

## Welcome

Welcome to worship. We are delighted you are able to join us on line today as the Minister **celebrates the sacrament of Holy Communion** and hope you enjoy worshipping with us through your on line connection.

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.

**You may wish to have a small piece of bread and small glass of wine or fruit juice that you may take during this service. Whilst not physically together to communally share this Holy meal it nevertheless remains a sign of the thing signified, the spirit unites us from where we are to one another as an invisible grace.**

May God richly bless you sharing with us in this way.

**The Table of our Lord is open to any Baptised person who loves the Lord and responds in Faith to the invitation "Take, eat".**

Call to worship

Hymn 478

Behold the amazing gift of love  
the Father hath bestowed  
on us, in calling us his own,  
the children of our God!

Concealed as yet this honour lies,  
by this dark world unknown,  
a world that knew not when he came,  
even God's eternal Son.

High is the rank we now possess;  
but higher we shall rise,  
though what we shall hereafter be  
is hid from mortal eyes.

Our souls, we know, when he appears,  
shall bear his image bright;  
for all his glory, full disclosed,  
shall open to our sight.

A hope so great and so divine  
may trials well endure;  
and purge the soul from sense and sin,  
as Christ himself is pure.

### Prayer

Hymn 485

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives they service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!  
interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all  
our words and works that drown  
the tender whisper of thy call,  
as noiseless let thy blessing fall  
as fell thy manna down,  
as fell thy manna down.

Drop they still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace,

the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the hearts of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!  
O still small voice of calm!

Reading 1 Kings 19:1-13

Hymn 15

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green: he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill:  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me:  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

Sermon

Lift up your heads, O ye gates Handel's Messiah  
Psalm 24:7-10

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. 8. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. 9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. 10. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

### **Statement of faith**

#### **We believe in one God:**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

#### **We praise God the Father:**

Who created the universe and keeps it in being  
He has made us his sons and daughters,  
to share his joy, living together in justice and peace.

#### **We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son:**

Born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
He became one of us;  
Sharing our life and our death  
He made known God's compassion and mercy  
Giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin  
Offering healing and wholeness to all  
By his death on the cross and his resurrection  
He has triumphed over evil;  
Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation

#### **We trust God the Holy Spirit** who unites us to Christ

and gives life to the church,  
who brings us to repentance  
and assures us of forgiveness.

The Spirit guides us  
in our understanding of the bible  
renews us in the sacraments  
and calls us to serve God in the world

#### **We rejoice in the gift of eternal life:**

We have sure and certain hope of resurrection through Christ.  
And we look for his coming again in power and glory,  
to judge the world  
Then all things will be made new  
And creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father,  
through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
one God blessed forever. Amen.

## **Holy Communion**

Prayer of Thanksgiving during which the following hymn will be used

*Holy, holy, Lord God of heavenly hosts,  
Holy, holy, Lord God of heavenly hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna Hosannah Blessed is he who comes  
Blessed is he who comes  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.*

**May you see God's light  
on the path ahead  
when the road you walk is dark.  
May you always hear  
even in your hour of sorrow,  
the gentle singing of the lark.  
When times are hard  
may hardness never turn your heart to stone.  
May you always remember  
when the shadows fall—  
You do not walk alone.**

**The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all**

## **Prayer**

Hymn 437  
Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,

and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage –  
grace which, like the Lord the Giver,  
never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hov'ring,  
See the cloud and fire appear,  
For a glory and a cov'ring,  
Showing that the Lord is near;  
Thus deriving from our banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which He gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since the Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy Name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
and all boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

Benediction

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