

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

Celebration of Holy Communion

30th April 2023

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*Do this
In Remembrance
of Me*

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.

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

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

Hymn 187

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven:
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the grasp of mortal mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
we would take him at his word;
and our lives be filled with glory
from the glory of the Lord.

Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 page 794
 St Mark 2:1-11 page 1003

Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

My chains are gone,
I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone,
I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

Sermon

Hymn 19

Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this;
even that same Lord that great in might
and strong in battle is.
even that same Lord that great in might
and strong in battle is.

Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for aye,

be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
But who is he that is the King,
the King of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen, Amen, Amen.

Holy Communion

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.

During the Thanksgiving prayer remain seated and sing when the Minister
invites you to do so

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he
O Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us
and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross*

*So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King*

*The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
torn for you
Eat and remember*

*The wounds that healed the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one*

*So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King*

*The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King*

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

Hymn 153

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided-
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and seed-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Benediction

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Church News and Activities

Guild Rally will be held on **Monday, 8th May** at **7.30pm** in **St Marnock's Church**. The speaker is Margaret Muir, past National Convener. Everyone welcome.

A meeting of the **Congregation** is called in conjunction with the **Kirk Session and Congregational Board**, to be held on **Tuesday, 9th May 2023**, at **7.00pm** in the church.

The purpose of the meeting is to approve the accounts, for year ending 2022 and predominantly to share with you the proposals to refurbish the Sanctuary for a new generation. **The meeting is open to all members of the congregation.**

Inspire! will meet at **11.00am** in the **Session Room** on **Wednesday, 10th May** for a time of prayer and reflection.

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. There will be a collection at Tesco Extra, West Shaw Street on **Saturday, 20th May**. Please contact Helen Colman if you can help with this.

New Laigh Kirk is open on **Wednesday and Friday only this week from 12noon to 2.00pm.**



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