

# 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

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

7<sup>th</sup> May 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.

**The short monthly celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will take place immediately after the main service.**

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May God richly bless you in your worship today.

## **Order of Service**

Call to worship

Hymn 129

The Lord is King! lift up your voice!  
Let earth and all the heavens rejoice.  
From world to world the joy shall ring,  
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

The Lord is King! who then shall dare  
resist his will, distrust his care,  
or murmur at his wise decrees,  
or doubt his royal promises?

The Lord is King! child of the dust,  
the judge of all the earth is just;  
holy and true are all his ways:  
let every creature speak his praise.

Come, make your wants, your burdens known;  
Christ will present them at the throne;  
for he is at the Father's side,  
the Man of Love, the Crucified.

One Lord, one empire, all secures;  
he reigns, and life and death are yours:  
through earth and heaven one song shall ring,  
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

Prayer

All age address

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
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Our God, You reign forever  
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Ignite for children will take place in the hall

Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10 page 1218

*Video Anthem In Our Service*

No gilded throne, nor gleaming crown of sapphire  
can sure outshine an earthly vow  
to serve, to live with dignity.  
With humble stewardship and sacrifice,  
A pledge of unity; a vow of love.

Though earthly rulers' roles are often fleeting,  
truth comes to those who nobly dare  
to live a life of constancy;  
to love thy neighbour and thy family,  
a living ministry: an act of love.

So ev'ry day, we try to do what's right;  
not choosing spite, nor breeding hate.  
A life of faith and honesty.  
As courage is the key to progress,  
we'll surely journey on, sustained by love.

The truth is, grief is the price we pay for love,  
and surely love will life sustain.  
With endless grace of heart and mind,  
to ascend with ever greater purpose;  
through all the darkest times,  
to show us holy life, throughout the years of life:  
A vow of love.

Reading:        St John 14:1-14 page 1082

Hymn 52

How lovely is thy dwelling-place,  
O Lord of hosts, to me!  
The tabernacles of thy grace,  
how pleasant, Lord, they be!

My thirsty soul longs vehemently,  
yea faints, thy courts to see:  
my very heart and flesh cry out,  
O living God, for thee.

Behold, the sparrow findeth out  
an house wherein to rest;  
the swallow also for herself  
hath found her place to nest;

Even thine own altars, where she safe  
her young ones forth may bring,  
O thou almighty Lord of hosts,  
who art my God and King.

Blest are they in thy house who dwell,  
they ever give thee praise.  
And blest are they whose strength thou art,  
in whose heart are thy ways.

### Prayer of Intercession

#### Hymn 724

Christ's is the world in which we move;  
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;  
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,  
and Christ is the one who meets us here.  
*To the lost Christ shows his face,  
to the unloved he gives his embrace,  
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,  
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the people we most avoid —  
strange or bereaved or never employed.  
Feel for the women and feel for the men  
who fear that their living is all in vain.  
*To the lost Christ shows his face,  
to the unloved he gives his embrace,  
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,  
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,  
feel for the women whom men have defiled,  
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,  
and feel for the weary who find no rest.  
*To the lost Christ shows his face,  
to the unloved he gives his embrace,*

*to those who cry in pain or disgrace,  
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the lives by life confused,  
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;  
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,  
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,  
to the unloved he gives his embrace,  
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,  
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Sermon

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 511

Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
your people owned your goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest as to least;  
they summoned all to hasten  
and share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,

the faithful few fought bravely  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their Gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, life restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us,  
your victory shall be won;  
by mortals and by angels  
your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

National Anthem - God Save the King

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 and to think about the upcoming General Assembly.

The **Guilds Together fundraiser** was a great success, raising over £1,000. They thank all Guild members and friends who supported the event.

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.

The **Music for All concert** raised the grand total of £1,024.72 for Christian Aid. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.



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