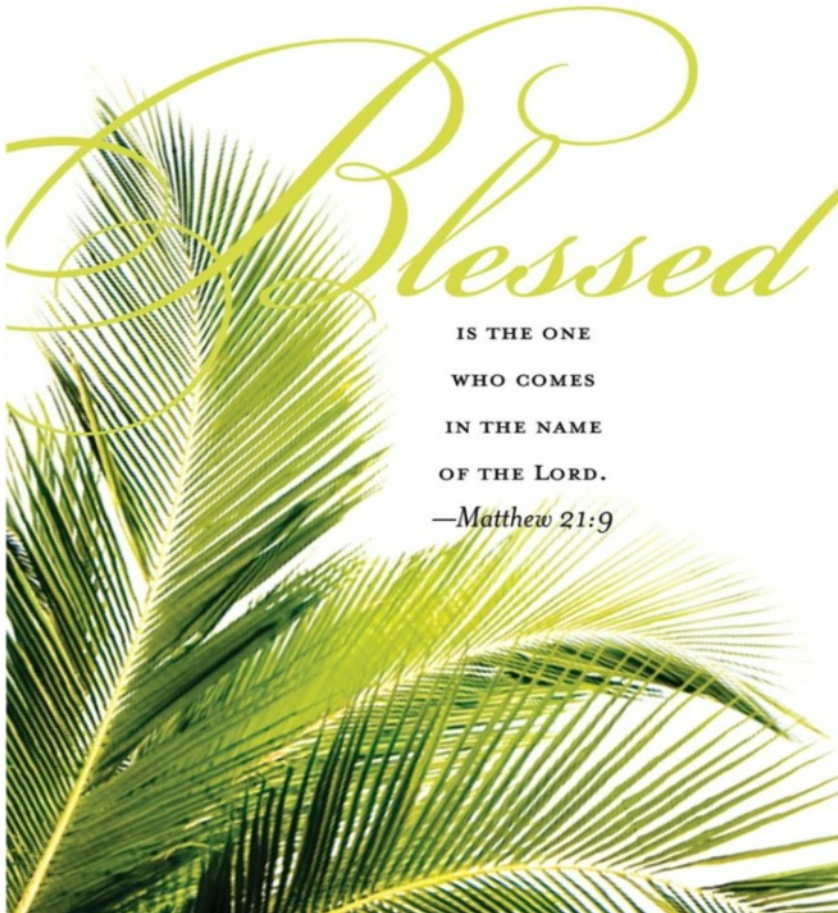


New Laigh Kirk

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

Palm Sunday
Welcome to Worship
2nd April 2023



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. 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 in whatever capacity and in your own appropriate way.

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

PLEASE SWITCH YOUR MOBILE PHONE TO SILENT

May God richly bless you in your worship today.

Order of Service

Call to worship

Hymn 364

*All glory, laud, and honour,
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!*

You are the King of Israel,
great David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessèd One.

All glory, laud, and honour

The company of angels
is praising you on high,
while we and all creation
together make reply.

All glory, laud, and honour

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

All glory, laud, and honour

To you before your Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honour

Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
in every good delighting,
our great and gracious King:

All glory, laud, and honour

Prayer

All age Address

Hymn 367

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through city street and temple
their joyful welcome rang.
They shouted out their praises
to Christ, the children's friend,
who welcomes all with blessing,
whose love will never end.

From Olivet they followed,
a large exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud;
bright angels joined the chorus,
beyond the cloudless sky,
'Hosanna in the highest!'
Glory to God on high!

'Hosanna in the highest!'
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
Oh, may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his living presence
eternally rejoice.

Ignite for children will be held in the halls.

Proclamation of the entrance into Jerusalem

Video Anthem: Handel Messiah - Lift up your heads, O ye gates

Prayer

Hymn 378

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise, -
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O living wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.

O generous love! that he who smote
in Man, for man, the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise, -
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

The Passion Story

Reader 1: Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned him, saying, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

Reader 2: And while he was being accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

Reader 1: Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?"

Reader 2: And he did not answer him with regard to even a single charge, so the governor was quite amazed.

Reader 1: Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the people any one prisoner whom they wanted. At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that because of envy they had handed him over.

Reader 2: While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of him." But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death.

Reader 1: But the governor said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said,

ALL Congregation: "Barabbas."

HYMN: 380 v 1 There is a green hill far away

There is a green hill far away,
outside a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.

Reader 1: Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said,

ALL Congregation: "Crucify Him!"

HYMN: 380 v 2

We may not know, we cannot tell
what pains he had to bear;
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.

Reader 1: And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying,

ALL Congregation: "Crucify Him!"

HYMN: 380 v 3

He died that we might be forgiven,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by his precious blood.

Reader 2: When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to that yourselves." And all the people said,

ALL Congregation: "His blood shall be on us and on our children!"

HYMN: 380 v 4

There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin;
he only could unlock the gate
of heaven, and let us in.

Reader 1: Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. And

after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they knelt down before him and mocked him, saying,

ALL Congregation: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Reader 1: They spat on him, and took the reed and began to beat him on the head.

Reader 2: After they had mocked him, they took the scarlet robe off him and put his own garments back on him, and led him away to crucify him. As they were coming out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon, whom they pressed into service to bear his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting it, he was unwilling to drink.

Reader 1: And when they had crucified him, they divided up his garments among themselves by casting lots. And sitting down, they began to keep watch over him there. And above his head they put up the charge against him, which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

HYMN: 380 v 5

Oh, dearly, dearly has he loved,
and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.

Reader 2: At that time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those passing by were hurling abuse at him, wagging their heads and saying,

ALL Congregation: "You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the Cross."

Reader 1: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying,

ALL Congregation: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him now come down from the Cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; Let God rescue him now, if He delights in him; for He said, `I am the Son of God.'"

Reader 2: The robbers who had been crucified with him were also insulting him with the same words. All they that see him, laugh him to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, He trusted in God that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, if he delight in him. Scorn has broken his heart; he is full of heaviness: he looked for some to have pity on him, but there was no man; neither found he any to comfort him. Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see. Is any suffering like his suffering?

Reader 1: Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.

Reader 2: About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME!"

Reader 1: And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, began saying,

ALL Congregation: "This man is calling for Elijah."

Reader 1: Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and gave him a drink. But the rest of them said,

ALL Congregation: "Let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Reader 2: And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit.

Reader 1: And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs

were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said,

ALL Congregation: "Truly this was the Son of God!"

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree
His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone
O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King
O praise the name of the Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face
O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

*O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 457

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose path of pain you trod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe,
responsive to the call,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall;
join in the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

Benediction

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Church News and Activities

Holy Week services

A Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service will be held at **New Laigh Kirk** on **Thursday, 6th April**, at **7.00pm**. This will be followed by a time of quiet reflection at **Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church** from **8.15pm** before a service of **Stripping the Altar** at **8.30pm**.

On **7th April** there will be the **Good Friday Walk of Witness**.

Please assemble at the **Salvation Army in Sturrock Street** at **10.45am**. Join a walk around the town centre to remind passers-by of the Easter story. The walk will end on time for those who wish to join the **Good Friday Vigil** at **New Laigh Kirk** from **12.00noon**. This will be led by Ministers of Kilmarnock on the theme, 'Walk the way of the Cross' finishing at **3.00pm**.

Hurlford Church Good Friday Service, 7th April at **7.00pm** in the church conducted by the Rev. Willie Hall.

Easter Day – Breakfast Communion in the Kirk Yard 8.30am.

In order to cater for breakfast, please indicate to **Jan Lamberton, E: janetlamberton248@gmail.com/Derek I'Anson** your intention to join us on Easter Sunday.

Easter Celebration Service 11.00am with the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland Rt. Rev Iain Greenshields, and will also include the Newmilns and Galston Brass Band.

Easter Garden Party in the Kirk Yard immediately after with fun stuff for the kids. (Weather permitting, alternatively reception in the halls.)

Come and hear what Christ did for you, everyone is welcome to share the Good News.

Elders can now collect the **April** edition of the **Magazine** from their pigeonholes.

A singing group will gather on Sunday mornings at 10.15am in the sanctuary. Calling all singers to join us for 20 minutes to familiarise with the selected worship hymns.

Music and Movement will meet on **Tuesday, 4th April** at **2.00pm** in lower hall.

New Laigh Kirk are inviting all Ignite children and Trekkers youth (ages Primary 1 to S6) to come along to **Heads of Ayr Farm Park** for an **Easter Fun Day** out! Our Easter trip will be on **Wednesday, 5th April** from **9.00am**. Further information from Amy Tanner (amy_bh@hotmail.co.uk).

Our next **Lighthouse** will be held on **Saturday, 15th April** from **4.00pm to 6.00pm** in our church halls, and we welcome every family, young and young at heart to come along and join in some Easter fun! At Lighthouse we will have food, music, games, crafts, prayer, worship and so much more. If you and the family would like to come along to Lighthouse, please register with Amy Tanner (amy_bh@hotmail.co.uk). We're also looking for some helping hands for Lighthouse and we encourage anyone who would like to contribute their time or talents to helping out at our Lighthouse to contact Amy for more information.

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.



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