

The New Town Church of Scotland
Order of Service, 21st April 2024
Community of Easter Joy: *Keep on keeping on*



Gathering music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Thanks and praise to you,
Jesus Christ, King and Lord of all,
given the name above every other name

**Jesus, King and Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.**

King of righteousness, King of peace,
enthroned at the right hand
of Majesty on high

**Jesus, King and Lord of all,
we worship and adore you**

Great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us;

**Jesus, King and Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.**

Pioneer of our salvation,
you bring us to glory
through your death and resurrection;

**Jesus, King and Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.**

Every knee bows to you;
every tongue confesses,

**you are King of kings
and Lord of Lords,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Written by John Leach

Hymn 104 The Lord of heaven confess

Opening Prayer, Collect and Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of an eternal covenant, make us perfect in goodness so that we may do your will; and create in us what is pleasing to you; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Our Father in heaven.
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
and also with you

Hymn 526 This is a day of new beginnings

Scripture Readings

Psalm 71: 12-19

¹² O God, do not be far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me!
¹³ Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed;
let those who seek to hurt me
be covered with scorn and disgrace.
¹⁴ But I will hope continually,
and will praise you yet more and more.
¹⁵ My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
of your deeds of salvation all day long,
though their number is past my knowledge.
¹⁶ I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD,
I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.
¹⁷ O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
¹⁸ So even to old age and grey hairs,
O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might
to all the generations to come.
Your power ¹⁹ and your righteousness, O God,
reach the high heavens.
You who have done great things,
O God, who is like you?

Anthem O Lord Jesus enfold me in your arms. Hymn attributed to Samuel Paul

Philippians 3: 10-4:1

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be

conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Hymn 530 One more step along the world I go

Sermon *Keeping on keeping on*

Hymn 517 Fight the good fight with all your might

Prayers of the People

Hymn 237 Look forward in faith

followed (immediately) by Hymn 786 May the God of peace go with us

Sending and blessing

Sending music

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