

The New Town Church of Scotland
Order of Service, 7th April 2024
A Community of Easter Joy

Gathering music

Welcome

Call to Worship

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,**
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

**It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.**

For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life for evermore.

Psalm 133

CH4 63 All people that on earth do dwell

Opening Prayer, Collect and Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**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

CH4 547 What a friend we have in Jesus

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 55: 10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Anthem Isaiah the prophet has written of old by Joy F. Patterson (words at Hymn 241)

Philippians 1: 1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

CH4 608 Spirit of truth and grace

Sermon

CH4 441 Blessing and honour and glory and power

Prayers of the People

CH4 249 We have heard a joyful sound

Sending and blessing

Sending music

Worship Leader: Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Scripture Reader: Kate Anderson

Prayers of the people: Jocelyn and Michael Cunliffe

Organist/pianist: Stuart Campbell

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