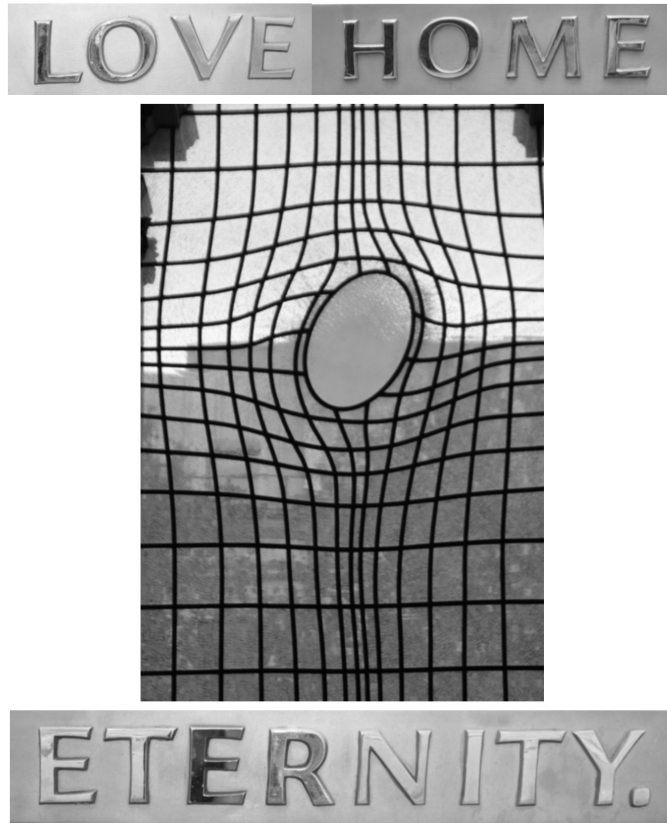


Edinburgh: The New Town Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter,
Sunday 5 May 2024

A Community of Easter Joy: Sing a New Song, a Song of Love and Faith



Gathering music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Jesus invites us in and calls us to come to him to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.

Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.

Hymn 214 New, every morning is the love

Opening Prayer, Collect and Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass all understanding.

Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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 61 Oh, sing a new song to the Lord. (Psalm 98)

Scripture Readings *1 John 5:1-6*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Anthem I give to you a new commandment *by Peter Nardone*

Scripture Readings *St John 15:9-17*

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Hymn 115 Love is the touch of intangible joy

Sermon *Sing a New Song, a Song of Love and Faith*

Hymn 721 We lay our broken world

Prayers of the People

Hymn 511 Your hand, O God, has guided

Sending and Blessing

Sending Music

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Scripture Reader: Anna Campbell

Prayers of the people: Don and Heather Ferguson

Organist/pianist: David Stewart

Sources:

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